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NEW SANDBANKS ARE A SAFETY HAZARD

Lifeguards' warning after 20 rescues in four days at Ogmore beach

RNLI lifeguards and Penybont Surf Lifesaving Club members have issued a safety warning to visitors of a local beach after a series of multiple rescues in a river mouth.

Lifeguards from the RNLI charity and the surf lifesaving club have rescued more than 20 people from the river at Ogmore beach over the last two weekends, including three young children who became stranded on July 2.

Now they are warning people about the dangers of swimming in the rivermouth area and urging visitors to swim in the safer lifeguarded area between the red and yellow flags.

An area next to the river at Ogmore by Sea, which is usually rocky, has become covered by sand and there have been higher than normal numbers of visitors using this section of the beach to base themselves.

Many are being tempted to swim in the river, unaware of the depth of the water or the unpredictable currents running in the water there.

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Porthcawl's Jennings Building – new tenants are named and all will be trading very soon

The regeneration of the landmark Jennings Building is nearly complete, with two other businesses set to join Coffi Co by opening their doors on the ground floor.

A COFFEE lounge is already open in Jennings Building on Porthcawl seafront, and two other businesses will be opening there in the next few weeks.

The prominent Grade II listed building, which had lain derelict for several years, has been transformed by Wales-based developers ABA Holdings after Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) granted them a long-term lease on the property.

ABA Holdings have invested £2.5m in the project, with support from Finance Wales and Townscape Heritage Initiative Funding provided via BCBC from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Cadw.

Last month, the Coffi Co Lounge opened for business on the ground floor of the Jennings Building, and two new eateries – a pizzeria and a restaurant – will be joining them soon.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The 5,000 square foot Harbour Bar & Grill will be a theatre-style kitchen bar and restaurant complete with a full height atrium, while Double Zero Pizzas will occupy a third ground floor unit.

"The upper level of the building will feature 13 'live-work' units with loft bedrooms that will enable occupants to live and work on site."

Coffi Co are also going to be serving from the former Customs House building, between the Jennings Building and the Old Pilot's Lookout Tower.

Coun Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "I, like many others, have kept a close eye on the development as it has progressed and it was exciting to see the first business open there recently.

"This is huge news for Porthcawl and a real landmark development that can become an attractive focal point for local people and visitors alike."

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Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen taken out of special measures

SCHOOL inspectors from Estyn have removed Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen in Ynysawdre, Bridgend from 'special measures'.

When the school was inspected in October 2015, inspectors identified a number of urgent actions that included raising standards, improving pupils' literacy and numeracy skills, and ensuring that curriculum arrangements meet the needs of all pupils.

Other recommendations included improving the quality of teaching and the effectiveness of assessment, strengthening arrangements for the care, support and guidance of pupils, meeting statutory requirements for providing a daily act of collective worship, and strengthening self-evaluation and improvement planning arrangements at the school.

In response to the need to 'improve the effectiveness of leadership at all levels and ensure clear direction, high expectations and accountability', Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) arranged for Nick Brain, the headteacher of Bryntirion Comprehensive, to provide 'executive leadership' at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "Less than two years later, a follow-up inspection has concluded that the school has delivered significant improvements across all of Estyn's recommendations.

"Their report states that 'Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen is judged to have made sufficient progress in relation to the recommendations following the core inspection in October 2015.

"'As a result, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales is removing the school from the list of schools requiring special measures'."

Coun Charles Smith, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "This marks a significant first step forward in ensuring that the school has a strong foundation on which it can build and deliver further improvements.

"While I'm sure the school will continue to take every available opportunity to develop further, I understand that it is highly unusual for Estyn to remove a school from special measures within less than a two-year period.

"Estyn's confidence in Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen's progress is a clear indication of the positive ways in which the teachers, staff, governors, parents and pupils have engaged with the process, and is a further sign of their commitment and dedication towards providing students with the very best levels of education."

Council Leader Huw David added: "Thanks are due to Nick Brain and his team at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen for the fast and efficient way in which they have embraced this challenge.

"By working closely together in partnership with the local authority and the Central South Consortium, they have succeeded in providing the school with everything it needs to achieve further success."

Acting executive headteacher Nick Brain said: "This is fantastic news for the whole school community and understandably we are delighted with the outcome.

"Estyn have recognised the strong progress during the past 20 months, and have highlighted clear areas of strength now in the school. Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen is now poised to go from strength to strength and continue to strive for excellence in the future."

The inspection report on Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen is available to read at www.estyn.gov.wales.

Lions welcome new president

AS the Porthcawl Lions marked the passing the centenary of Lions Clubs International, and as his year of presidency came to a close, Don Tickner (a charter member of Porthcawl Lions) expressed his thanks to club members and the wider community for their support, and wished incoming president Andrew Collier good luck for a successful year of service and fund-raising work.

Mr Collier, who takes the helm as club president for the second time, stressed that there was still a great deal of work to do to promote the Lions Club International centennial year, and said: "I look forward to working with all sectors of the community of Porthcawl and surrounding areas, to ensure the Lions' message spreads far and wide.

"I have a great team of members working with me and together, our planned events will showcase the commitment our members have to raising funds for deserving causes, whether locally, nationally or internationally."

The club's ongoing events include the Vintage Fayre (August 5 at the Porthcawl Rugby Club) and the car boot sales, which continue through August and into September.

The club has also started planning its autumn and winter schedule of activities, details of which will follow in the next few months.

For details for upcoming Lions events, call Sonia on 01656 772374 or for general information on the Porthcawl Lions' work, visit porthcawllions.org.uk.

Summer party with the Mayor

THE charity committee for the Mayor of Bridgend county Borough's annual appeal is organising a 'strawberries and cream summer party'.

It is this Sunday, July 16, from 4pm to 6.30pm, £6 adults and £1 children and youths, at the Greenacres Motel, North Cornelly The Mayor's charities for 2017/2018 will be announced at this event.

For further information and details, contact Mari Major on 01656 651491 to buy or reserve tickets. All are welcome.

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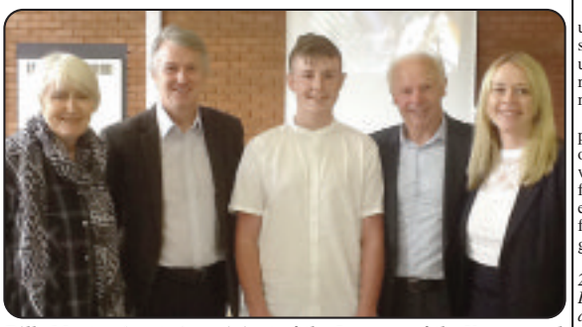

Billy Morton (centre), recipient of the Learner of the Year award, with from left, headteacher Helen Ridout guest speaker JJ Williams, Huw Irranca Davies AM and Madeline Moon MP.

I WAS privileged to be invited to the annual Record of Achievement Ceremony which was held in Ysgol Bryn Castell at the Bryncethin Campus on June 30.

The school was originally located for many years at Cefn Glas, Bridgend.

Billy Morton received the Learner of the Year award; Sportsperson of the Year was awarded to Aaron Hoskings; and the Most Improved Pupil of the Year was Leanne Fowke.

A great dance routine was enjoyed at the ceremony by the pupils of mixed ages who attained First Group award in the recent Eisteddfod held at Pencoed.

All the school leavers for 2016/17 were wished good luck in their future endeavours and the event concluded with a buffet.

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Samaritans receive cash boost from team Dragon's Breath

Jemma Howells (centre) presented a cheque to Bridgend Samaritans recently.

BRIDGEND Samaritans were pleased to welcome Jemma Howell to the branch recently, when she presented a cheque for £369.

The cheque was her individual sponsorship from a recent run made by Jemma and her friends and colleagues who work at the Royal Gwent Hospital.

Their team,'Dragons Breath, ' participated in the Team Challenge London to Cardiff, running 160 miles in 24 hours.

The money will be used to purchase four sets of headphones for use in the recently refurbished operations room.

After making the presentation to members of the branch, Jemma was given a tour of the facilities where the equipment she has funded will be put to good use.

Bridgend Samaritans, 2 Green Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HF, are part of the Samaritans Organisation and can be contacted 24/7 on Freephone 116123 or you email jo@samaritans.org.

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Pencoed WI learns about the Berlin Wall

HERE we are at Pencoed WI halfway through the year and we have already had some excellent speakers.

Debra John dressed in character and using different voices explained the origins of three Welsh myths.

Jean Harvey took us back to the end of World War Two and the splitting up of Germany, the building of the Berlin Wall with Checkpoint Charlie and the demolition of the wall in 1989.

Boring history lesson? No way; it was fascinating and clearly illustrated on the screen.

I would definitely recommend these two ladies to any WI.

Our annual meeting in May saw Val staying as president, Penny as secretary and myself as treasurer. The good news for me was I'm no longer vice president, I've been trying to get rid of the job for 10 years and have finally succeeded!

This year's summer outing was to the National Wool Museum near Newcastle Emlyn followed by lunch at the Emlyn Arms. It was an enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Big Lottery funding we have been able to organise an extra trip this year, so 49 members will be visiting Abbey Cwm Hir in November when the rooms in the house will be decorated for Christmas.

We are looking forward to the next six months with interesting speakers and a fish and chip supper.

For further information about Pencoed WI contact Val on 01656 861181 or Pat on 01656 860289.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 20)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
13 Thur	09.51	9.2	22.10	9.2
14 Fri	10.27	9.1	22.50	9.0
15 Sat	11.09	8.9	23.35	8.8
16 Sun	11.56	8.6		
17 Mon	00.27	8.5	12.54	8.5
18 Tues	01.29	8.3	13.59	8.3
19 Wed	02.41	8.3	15.15	8.5
20 Thur	03.53	8.7	16.28	8.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Offenberg offers honours to local terpsichoreans at Dance World Cup

Ellie Jones and Charlotte Costelow.

THREE students from The Sarah Burnell School of Dance have recently returned from a successful trip to the Dance World Cup (DWC) finals held in Offenberg, Germany.

All three were members of Team Wales.

The competition is the biggest of its kind in the world and involved 4,200 competitors from more than 48 countries.

Ellie Jones and Charlotte Costelow, both 18 and both from Pencoed, won a gold medal in the senior tap duet section.

Both girls were also selected to perform in the closing gala which involved winners from throughout the competition. They were awarded the trophy for best duet, trio or quartet from the entire competition.

It was a huge achievement, considering the standard of performers at the gala.

Charlotte was also awarded a silver medal in the senior tap solo section. Charlotte and Ellie have both trained with Sarah Burnell since the age of three, studying all genres of dance.

Ellie has recently been awarded a scholarship to train at the renowned Stella Mann Theatre School, Bedford. Her win at the DWC was a wonderful way to celebrate her 15 years of training with Sarah.

David Sheldon (13) also from Pencoed won a silver medal in the children's tap solo section. This was a magnificent achievement as David has only been tap dancing for a year and a half.

He was also selected as the Team Wales captain and flag bearer for the opening ceremony. David can now add a silver medal to the gold that he won at DWC, Jersey 2016.

In addition, during August this year, 20 students from the school will compete in the national finals of the All England Dance competition at London's Hackney Empire.

More exciting times are certainly ahead for these talented young performers from across the borough.

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David Sheldon has now been tap dancing for 18 months.

Learning about garden birds at Laleston WI

THE Laleston WI July meeting took place at The Blandy Hall, Laleston on July 6 and was taken by our president Diane Marshall.

Diane Thomas, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Members were informed of future trips: the botanical gardens on July 15, Chavanage House on August 21 and Abergavenny on September 14 with afternoon tea at The Angel Hotel.

The book club is at Bridgend library on July 18. Dawn Storie gave her report on the AGM in Liverpool.

Our speaker for the evening was Anthony Walton who gave us a wonderful talk and slideshow on garden birds, which was really informative: a vote of thanks was given by Elaine Jones.

Refreshments were served by Barbara, Val and Sandra. Our raffle was won by a prospective new member, Toni Vidgood, and the competition was won by Ann Morgan. Twenty-two members attended plus one visitor.

Our next meeting is on September 7 when we will be having our harvest auction. New members welcome; for further information call Diane 01656 656600.

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LANDLORD SAVES THE DAY FOR STROKE CLUB!

From left, Mary Duggan; Angharad Hughes; landlord of the Farmer's Arms, Fred Thomas and chairman of the Porthcawl Stroke Club, Keith Duggan.

A TRIP was organised by Keith Duggan, chairman of the Porthcawl Stroke Club and his wife Mary, on June 28 to Cardiff Bay.

Unfortunately, the weather stopped the trip going ahead to Cardiff Bay and members were disappointed at first, but chairman Keith Duggan saved the day by organising a meal at the Farmers Arms in St Brides, where landlord Fred Thomas gave a warm welcome to 25 members.

The Porthcawl Stroke Club looks forward to a future visit, as everyone enjoyed the visit so much.

If any member of your family has had a stroke and would like to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club, contact Keith or Mary Duggan on 01656 773376.

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Quiz League

THIS week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League are:

1. Which seaside town is home to the British Lawnmower Museum?

2. Rory Charles Graham is the real name of which English singer born in 1985?

3. 'Phossy Jaw' was primarily suffered by 19th century workers making what?

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Answers:
1. Southport, Merseyside.
2. Rag'n'Bone Man.
3. Matches.

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CHRIS ELMORE'S WESTMINSTER EYE

Two elections in 12 months – what's next?

AS the dust settles on what has been the fifth election for the people of Ogmore in just three years (sixth for those in Ogmore Vale!), I'd firstly like to thank everyone who supported my re-election, as your MP.

I will continue to work for all constituents, always being your voice in Parliament.

What the election has taught us is that Prime Minister May does not have the support she thought she had. The mandate she expected for her harsh reforms to social care, a reverse on foxhunting and the re-introduction of grammar schools in England were all rejected by the electorate.

Although Theresa May remains Prime Minister, the people of the UK have given a clear message that they will not be taken for granted.

The above Conservative manifesto pledges did not make it into the Queen's speech.

The reason? Because she knows that her government is on a knife-edge and she knows that if she pushes her luck she will be out of a job.

The Queen's Speech laid out the plans of the Government for the next two years. As expected, the speech focused on the UK's exit from the European Union, and related legislation to be rolled out. The referendum is over, the people have spoken and the UK is set to leave the European Union.

My concern is that this Government is not up to the job of negotiating the best deal for the UK, and for Wales in particular.

The Government haven't filled me with confidence of late. From cuts to policing, which has made the job of protecting the public more difficult for our incredibly brave emergency services; the lack of compassion shown to the Grenfell tower victims and figures released since the General Election – youth unemployment rising 13 per cent in Ogmore – something I've written to the Prime Minister to ask her to end the continuing programme of cuts and to invest in young people and our communities.

Away from the election and Westminster – work has continued throughout our communities and I've been pleased to join in some community projects of late.

I was proud to take part in Y Bont's sponsored walk in celebration of National Children's Day. Every time I visit Y Bont I'm astounded by the dedication of the staff who are clearly so passionate about what they do.

I've also been to the Wyndham Boys' and Girls' Club, a club which really does go from strength to strength. I was delighted to talk to the youngsters and the amazing volunteers at one of their annual awards evening.

I look forward to continue working with the club and similar community groups across the constituency to ensure as many people can benefit from these opportunities.

As ever, I will be holding advice surgeries across the constituency with my next one being on Friday, July 14, 12.30pm to 1.30pm, in Bryncae Community Centre.

Successful completion of the ASIST course for these volunteers, run by BAVO.

BAVO trains local people to help communities become 'suicide safer'

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO), one of the leading training providers in Applied Suicide Interventions Skills Training (ASIST) across Wales, recently trained 20 more local residents to help ensure we have suicide safer communities.

A BAVO spokesperson said: "ASIST is a two-day suicide 'first aid' workshop that teaches how to intervene and save a life from suicide.

"Over two million people around the world have participated in this award-winning programme and nearly 2,500 were trained by BAVO.

BAVO's chief executive officer Heidi Bennett said: "Most people thinking about suicide don't actually want to die, but they need help deciding to stay alive. Often these people considering suicide share their distress and their intent, but very discreetly.

"ASIST training will help you see and respond to these invitations for help, give you the confidence to ask about suicide if you are concerned about someone's safety and provide you with the tools to help prevent the immediate risk."

If you would like to find out more about BAVO's courses call BAVO on 01656 810400.

Heronsbridge School receives £1,000 donation to aid pupils

PICTURED (left to right): are Alfie, Erin McGeough from Amazon, twins Lewis and Leon, deputy head teacher Lisa James Smith, and Jessica from Heronsbridge School.

PUPILS and staff at a local special school have received a £1,000 donation from the Amazon in Swansea Bay.

Heronsbridge School in Bridgend received the donation as part of the 'Amazon in the Community' programme whereby the company supports the communities around its operating locations across the UK.

Heronsbridge is a special school for three to 19 year olds that caters for a wide range of learning needs, including a department for pupils on the autistic spectrum.

The school has a team of specialists that offer speech and language therapy, medical support, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and support for pupils with visual or hearing impairments.

The donation will be used to purchase a range of sports equipment to support the school's health and fitness programme.

The programme aims to contribute to the pupils' day-to-day development, gross motor skills, team work, fitness, literacy and numeracy skills, and, above all, fun and enjoyment in school life.

Lisa James-Smith from Heronsbridge School, added: "On behalf of the pupils and staff of Heronsbridge School, I want to thank the team at Amazon in Swansea Bay for this donation.

"Our school aims to address the learning needs of all our children to promote their development and this donation will help us achieve that goal."

Car show and street market for Bridgend

BRIDGEND town centre is revving up to host a classic car show – and its next monthly street market º on Saturday, July15.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in partnership with the Glamorgan Classic Car Club, the car show will celebrate the golden age of motoring with dozens of vintage vehicles on display from 10am to 4pm.

Classic vehicles parked in the town centre's streets will include a good mix of cars from the 50s, 60s and 70s such as MGs, Fords, Rovers and Jaguars, as well as Harley Davidson and Honda Goldwing motorbikes and two LGV tractors, while families will also be able to enjoy a close look at a modern fire engine and police cars.

Prizes, sponsored by the Bridgend Indoor Market, will be given to the best car in show and the best motorbike in show.

Also on the same day, the street market will see around 20 market chalets line Caroline Street, selling food, hand-made crafts and unique products.

Among the local traders selling their wares will be the 'Bang On Brewery'. Based on Bridgend Industrial Estate, the local brewers needed to re-stock their ales and stouts by 1pm last month, such was their popularity, so they're looking forward to another busy day's trading.

'Taste of Thailand', who recently opened in the nearby Bridgend Indoor Market, will also be giving out tasters, while there will also be craft cider on sale from the Vale of Glamorgan, as well as traders from further afield bringing something new to the town.

Local artist Cerys Knighton will hope to draw in the crowds, while visitors can brush up on their language skills with some quick Welsh lessons on one of the stalls.

The street market has been organised by BCBC with support from town centre traders who are part of the 'CF31' group, and will take place from 10am–4pm.

Further street markets will then take place on Saturday, August 19 and Saturday, September 16.

Coun Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "July 15 is shaping up to be a bumper day for Bridgend town centre.

"With plenty on offer for shoppers, music and entertainment for the kids and lots of eateries, the monthly street market is proving to be an excellent addition to the town centre.

"The Classic Car Show was a bit hit with local families last year, and there will be more than 60 cars on display again this year, bringing plenty of colour, fun and nostalgia to the town centre's streets."

Coffee morning raises £1,700 for dementia sufferers

SHEILA and George Barrett from Bridgend raised £1,702.80 by holding a coffee morning for Alzheimer's Society Cymru. The monies, raised at the event at Restway Gardens, during the society's annual Dementia Awareness Week, will support people affected by dementia.

Ric Mason, Alzheimer's Society Cymru volunteer and Lorraine King, Singing For the Brain group leader.

Sheila and George invited people in Bridgend alongside Alzheimer's Society Cymru Volunteer, Ric Mason – nicknamed 'Ric the Biker', star of BBC Three's Amazing Humans series, provided musical entertainment on the day. Lorraine King, Singing For the Brain Group Leader in Bridgend, accompanied Ric on a few tunes.

Sheila and George said: "Thanks to Alzheimer's Society Cymru and their staff for providing great services for people affected by dementia throughout Bridgend. We are both really pleased we were able to raise so much money and we hope our fundraising contribution will help Alzheimer's Society continue their fantastic work of supporting people with dementia."

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Fisherman rescued after BST tide time mix-up

Porthcawl RNLI crew get ready to rescue the fishermen.

A LUCKY fisherman was rescued after being cut off by the tide at Ogmore by Sea when Porthcawl RNLI crew out on a training exercise spotted him on Saturday, July 8,

A Porthcawl RNLI spokesman said: "The casualty was recovered from the rocks and transported to the slip-way where the Coastguard were waiting.

"As there were no injuries, the casualty returned to his vehicle and we carried on our patrol at Rhoose Point."

A spokesman for Porthcawl RNLI said: "The crew who were on exercise aboard the RNLI 'D' class lifeboat, *Jean Ryall*, were patrolling the shore line several miles east of the station in the Southerndown area.

"They were conscious that there was a large tide due in early evening and that this posed a potential risk to people getting cut off along our coast. As they made their way back west towards Ogmore by Sea they spotted a fisherman waving to them for assistance."

Helmsman Chris Missen briefed his fellow crew as to the way they would have to carry out their approach through the rocky area. Whilst crew member Sam Williams set the anchor, crewman Chris Page entered the water and swam to the outcrop to help support the fisherman, who by now was getting wet as the waves were breaking on the rocks.

Chris Missen said: "We were able to get alongside and close enough to the rocks so that the casualty was able to jump into the lifeboat, then we did a second approach and picked up our crew member Chris Page.

"All safely aboard we then proceeded to Ogmore by Sea beach and safely landed the casualty. Interestingly, although our casualty was an experienced fisherman who had planned his days fishing he had misread the tide tables and not allowed for British Summer Time which had thrown his timings out by one hour.

"Had we not seen him when we did and with another hour of a rising tide he would certainly have been washed off the rocks by the swell and into the sea'.

Lifeboat Operations Manager at Porthcawl, Philip Missen said: "This was a timely exercise that turned into a very successful rescue.

"We have powerful tides along the south Wales coast and whilst our casualty had made an innocent error in reading the tide times our planned exercise proved to be of good timing, especially for this experienced fisherman.

"I would urge all sea users and beach walkers to always check the tide times and keep a watch on an incoming tide to ensure a safe day at the coast."

Tide tables can be found on page 2.

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Maesteg needs more trains – regional AM

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has urged the Welsh Labour Government to prioritise the creation of a passing loop along the main Maesteg to Bridgend rail line so that train frequency can be doubled.

At the moment, trains can only operate in and out of Maesteg once an hour because the single line track from Bridgend can only accommodate one train at a time.

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative, said: "I understand that there have been plans for some years to make the Maesteg service half-hourly but before that can happen, a passing loop has to be installed so that the down train can wait inside it until the up train goes past and vice versa.

"But that scheme has been in the Welsh Government's capital programme for years and has been put back several times. I understand it is now set to be done in 2018-19. It is 25 years this year since passenger services were restored to Maesteg and increasing train frequency was talked about back then.

"As the government now intends to insist that Maesteg should have a Sunday service from 2018 as part of the new rail franchise which is currently under discussion, I will be urging them to ensure that the passing loop goes ahead on schedule so that the half hourly service can also commence.

"That's the biggest single thing that will boost rail usage on this line. Having to wait an hour between trains is very off-putting and I am aware that many people from Maesteg who work in Cardiff city centre are deterred from using the train because of train timings.

"There are indications that Maesteg may get attention in the final stage of the Cardiff City Metro deal but it's not clear what that would look like, when it would happen and whether it would solve this problem.

"I will be writing to Ken Skates, cabinet secretary for business and infrastructure to urge him to ensure that Network Rail is in a position to carry out this work.

"Network Rail is already heavily committed to electrifying the main south Wales line thanks to investment by the UK Government, so pressure needs to be brought to bear to make sure that everything is in place in terms of land acquisition and site preparation, ready for the passing loop to be constructed."

Rough justice for pavement parkers

MADELEINE Moon MP recently met representatives of the charity Guide Dogs at Westminster to support their campaign to end unsafe pavement parking which causes difficult and dangerous problems for guide dog owners.

At the event, Mrs Moon heard from guide dog owners how parked cars blocking the pavement force them to walk in the road, into the path of traffic they cannot see.

Many guide dog owners face these dangerous situations on a daily basis, risking their safety every time they go shopping or make the school run.

Mrs Moon said: "No one should be forced to brave traffic by cars parked on the pavement. That's why I'm calling for a new law to end problem pavement parking. Blind and partially-sighted people should be able to walk the streets without fear."

Research by YouGov for the charity Guide Dogs shows that 54 per cent of UK drivers admit to parking on the pavement, with 29 per cent of those doing so a few times a month or more.

Some 55 per cent of these drivers do think about the impact on people with sight loss, but park on the pavement anyway.

Pavement parking particularly affects people with visual impairments, parents with pushchairs, wheelchair users and other disabled people. According to a Guide Dogs survey, 97 per cent of blind and partially-sighted people have encountered obstacles on the pavement, and nine out of 10 have had problems with pavement parked cars.

Guide Dogs is campaigning for a nationwide law making pavement parking an offence outside of areas where the council grants an exemption.

This is already the case in London, but elsewhere across the country, councils struggle to tackle unsafe pavement parking because they can only restrict it street by street.

'Compassion is also a British value'

MADELEINE MOON, already not terribly in favour with the British Armed Forces (BAF), scored a couple of own goals with her attacks on British values and the MoD in your paper last week.

However, of all the points to criticise her over, I will make just a couple.

She refers to the indisputable bravery of the nurses, doctors, firefighters and police officers that ran – doing their jobs – to help those being attacked by terrorists.

One could ask: "Which terrorist incident?"; there have been a few lately.

However, while she slavishly lavishes praise on highly-unionised workers, she ignored members of the BAF that protect our shores, our people, and those of all nationalities living here, and assist in the defence of those overseas.

She also neglected, omitted or forgot to mention the Great Britons (and reportedly other nationalities), who, during the murderous Islamist rampage through London last month, did their best to fight off, and slow down, the jihadists with fists, bottles and bar stools.

And let us not forget the actions of her fellow MP, Tobias Ellwood (a former Army officer) who in March, after yet another Islamist terror attack, tried to save a police officer who had been stabbed.

She also did not refer to the many others that day, British and foreign, that did not walk by, but who stopped and helped the victims.

Compassion is not unique to Great Britain, nor to Britons, but it is a trait, along with "doing one's bit" and "duty" that is a British value and one embraced by all good people.

It is rather sad that our elected MP cannot, or will not, see this and has seemingly so little respect for her country.

David Whoft (RAF, Ret'd), Brackla.

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AS SEEN ON TV

'Cancer won't beat me,' says Lorraine

Lorraine, with daughter Sarah and niece Jess, after she braved the shave.

THE GEM regularly features stories about girls, women, men and boys having their hair cut – and in the case of men, their beards and body hair removed – for charity.

Often, for girls and women with long locks, the hair is braided before cutting to be donated to the Little Princess Trust, which weaves wigs and hairpieces for children of either sex that have lost their hair through chemotherapy for cancer, or through illness.

Lorraine Spencer, 55, mother to four, grandmother to three – "With an other due immanently," she said – from Barry, had her tresses cut on July 3 at Ri Style in Barry, and has donated them to the Little Princess Trust.

Nothing, seemingly, unusual about that.

However, Lorraine's story is different.

Lorraine has breast cancer, has had a mastectomy and has begun her own course of chemotherapy.

"I thought: 'I'll lose my hair anyway, so I'd rather have it cut off and give it to a good cause rather than find it on the pillow or watch it go down the plughole'," said Lorraine.

Yet in addition to it being an act of altruism, Lorraine, saw it as a chance to take control, to empower herself in the face of a disease over which she had no control.

She describes feeling an "...an unknown strength because of the love and devotion of my beautiful family and friends".

"Divine intervention?" pondered Lorraine, before answering her own question with "Who knows, but I never lost faith, although I doubted at times."

Lorraine spoke of her doubts, and some difficulties she has faced: a broken heart when her husband of just a year left her; one year later, the death of her estranged father; then, three days before Christmas, the death of her stepfather.

"He was the rock of both his family and ours," she said, adding "I thought our world was shattered."

Yet Lorraine, who works for Robertsons Solicitors in Barry and is full of praise for the company's support – and for that of Llandough and Velindre hospitals – is clearly a fighter and a very positive person.

Lorraine has no only donated her hair, but also her time and energy by organising fundraising for her chosen charity, the Little Princess Trust

In the run-up to the day when she would 'brave the shave', she raised more than £200 for the Little Princess Trust, which has now risen to more than £875.

"And £50 of that was because Anne-Marie French, the new proprietor of Ri Style, organised a raffle on the day," said Lorraine.

As for the future, Lorraine said: "Let's take the 'c' out of 'cancer', then and we have the 'ancer', and then take the 'c' to find the cure."

She paused, and with a sparkle in her eyes, said: "I will beat this because I believe I will."

Pen-Y-Fai Councillor's surgery dates

COUN Altaf Hussain will hold an advice surgery at All Saints' Church, Heol Eglwys in Pen y Fai between 10am and 11am on the following dates: July 22, October 28, November 25 and December 30.

Parkinson's UK choral concert

BETHLEHEM Church Life Centre, Cefn Cribwr, will be the venue for a charity fundraising concert featuring Bridgend Male Choir, BCLC's own Gospel Choir and soprano soloist, Rhian Hughes of Maesteg.

The concert takes place on September 16 at 7pm. All proceeds will be used for continuing stem cell research at Cardiff University. Tickets (£7) available now from Bethlehem Church Life Centre, Cefn; Neuro Physio Wales, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill; Ableworld Mobility Shop, Bridgend (opposite Wilko); the Parkinson's team at Pendre Day Centre, Zone J, Princess of Wales Hospital and Bernie Rock, secretary, email: b.rock@sky.com or call 07812 196170.

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Porthcawl Museum gets official stamp of approval

PORTHCAWL Museum has been awarded full museum accreditation status, for the third time.

The wonderful news, which was received on Wednesday, is the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication from museum volunteers.

The award, which is reviewed every four years, recognizes that Porthcawl Museum has again attained the national standard in museum management, collection care and public service.

The standards, which have proved to be higher than in previous years, are set by the Welsh Government in partnership with Arts Council England and are not easily won.

The application, which took three months to complete, was submitted on February 28. In May, Phil Wensley, an advisor from the Welsh Government Museums Standards and Performance, visited the museum to assess and verify that what had been submitted was correct.

Paul Joseph and Carwyn Jones AM.

Although Phil Wensley made every effort to put volunteers at their ease, it still proved a long anxious day, as he inspected every area within the organisation.

The trustees, committee, volunteers and members are thrilled and proud to have achieved the award, which not only maintains Porthcawl Museum's accreditation status, but also is essential in the development of the museum.

The museum was visited on Friday by the First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones AM who on being told the news, commented: "I am delighted that Porthcawl Museum has achieved full accreditation.

"This is a great tribute to the many hours put in by the volunteers to run the museum. My congratulations to all those involved. The town can be very proud of its museum and the people who help to run it."

Museum chairman Paul Joseph presented Mr Jones with a composite photograph following the previous week's dedication service of the memorial to the RAF and allied service men and women who had served at RAF Stormy Down.

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TAI CHI IN THE PARK

FROM July 24 for four weeks there will be sessions of Tai Chi in the Park in venues in and around Bridgend.

It is open to all ages (no previous experience required), free of charge and will be held as follows: Mondays at 10am Porthcawl Wilderness lakes.

Tuesdays at 11am Kenfig Nature Reserve.

Thursdays at 11am Newbridge fields, Bridgend.

Fridays at 10am Maesteg Welfare Park.

There will be a special launch in Newbridge Fields, Bridgend from 1pm to 3pm with lots of amazing activities. So put all the dates in your diary and have some great fun for all the family this summer.

BRIDGEND MP VISITS LOCAL 'SILVER SCHOOL'

Afon y Felin pupils, with their sweaters that support cycling to school.

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon visited Afon Y Felin Primary School last week to meet with Mrs Nicola Williams, headteacher to congratulate them all on achieving the Silver School Mark Award from Sustrans Cymru.

Mrs Moon was met on arrival by Mrs Williams, Mr Burnap (chair of governors), Mrs Bower with the Sustrans team, head girl Sophia and head boy Ben. She had a mini tour of the school, meeting year-6 pupils who were busy coding and programming their Ozobots, which was totally amazing to see.

Moving, the MP chatted to other pupils about STEM subjects and their visits to local companies SONY and Renfrews, where they discussed apprenticeships in engineering and IT for their future careers.

Mrs Moon said: "It was great to see the children busy enjoying the challenge of new concepts in information technology and thinking now of what careers they would like.

"A presentation was given by the Sustrans team of their journey to achieving the Silver School Mark from Sustrans, with stats showing the improvement in cycling, scooting and walking made to the school from the children and parents.

"They have a new bike shelter which keeps their bikes and scooters safe and dry, helped by funding from the Kenfig Trust.

"I was impressed with Afon Y Felin and their desire to carry on the work to achieve the next step, the Gold School Mark award.

"I am looking forward to returning in the autumn term for a question and answer session with the children about Parliament and my job as a Member of Parliament."

The bells of St John's signal the start of festivities at fayre in Newton, Porthcawl

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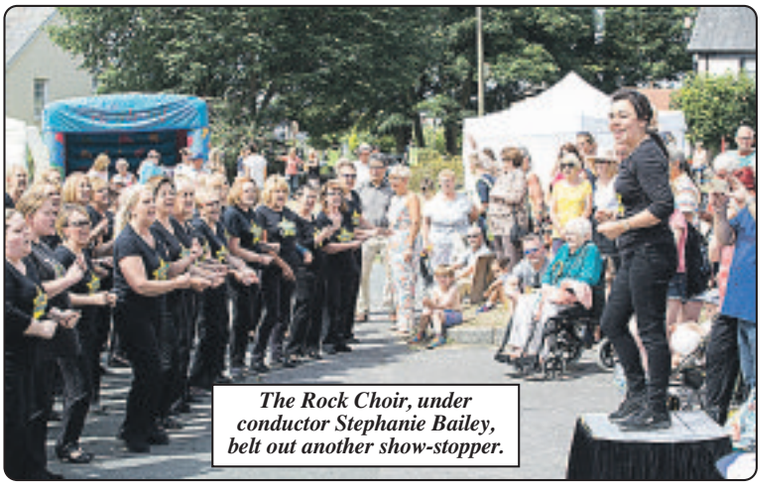
This year's St John's Church Summer Fayre opened with the bells of St Johns and was followed by performances by the Rock Choir, Elindia's Belly Dancers, Loopy Louis (magician) and the young people's drama and musical company, Performance House.

On behalf of the organisers, Andrew Singer, told The GEM: "We raised £10,000 for St John's Church and are grateful to the hundreds of people who supported us."

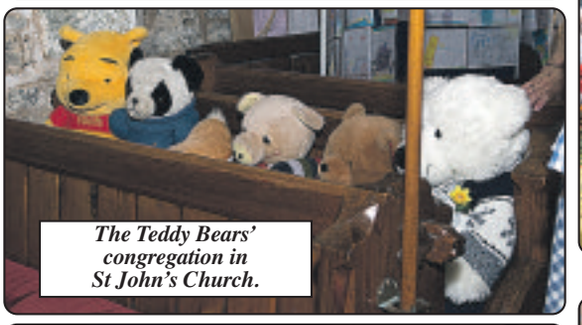
There was a keenly-contested tug of war between teams representing the Jolly Sailor and the Ancient Briton pubs – this year won by the Jolly Sailor.

The atmosphere was great all day, with many people commenting that the village green was the perfect venue.



The Rock Choir, under conductor Stephanie Bailey, belt out another show-stopper.

'So children, is there anything



The Teddy Bears' congregation in St John's Church.

ABOVE: Plants were on sale.

French bulldogs at the fayre.

Elindia's belly dancers.

The Lions' book atall.

Crafts, coffee and cakes in local village hall

EWENNY and Corntown village hall was the venue for a recent crafts show.

Helen White arranged the event which saw a number of local businesses come together to exhibit all manner of products.

Items for sale included jewellery, hand decorated ceramics, homeware, cakes, chocolates and bespoke, personalised gifts, and all at affordable prices.

The newly-elected Vale councillor for Llandow and Ewenny, Christine Cave went along to meet Helen and find out about the event.

Coun Cave said that the exhibition and sale were held to provide a "much-needed" platform for people to "display their talent". It also boosts the number of activities that are available locally while making good use of the village hall.

Similar events have been planned for September 30 and November 25 at the Ewenny and Corntown village hall. **AS**

Helen and Christine at the fair.

Eating cake 'all in a day's work' for local politicians

BRIDGEND charity Y Bont held its annual bake-off competition this week asking Chris Elmore MP and Huw Irranca-Davies AM to judge the event.

The pair, who both represent the Ogmore constituencies, joined Y Bont, a charity that works with disabled children, for their afternoon tea and fundraising event.

Mr Elmore said: "It's a pleasure to support the charity. Eating cake and supporting a great charity. It's a tough job but someone's got to do it"

Mr Irranca-Davies added: "My thanks to all at Y Bont for the wonderful work they do. I'm still full."

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I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the Planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objectors' supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01656 643625.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012
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Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol-Cymunedau 13-07-2017

COUNTDOWN TO GLASTONBARRY!

GLASTONBARRY has established itself as one of the UK's top tribute band festivals – this year's event at Romilly Park was sold out with weeks to go and people are coming from as far away as Holland, Spain and France.

It is being held over the weekend of July 29-30.

The festival is the brainchild of cousins Matt Blumberg and Ross Mackintosh and was launched in 2013.

This week, Ross told The GEM: "I'm delighted to say that we have completely sold out GlastonBARRY and this year's festival is so much bigger than before. "There will be over 1,500 people a day more than last year, 4,000 people a day in total.

"To completely sell it out with three weeks to go is remarkable."

Ross said that one reason for the festival's success was the price structure – £25 for the whole weekend and the chance to see 14 bands – that they had employed.

"We pride ourselves on being the most reasonably-priced tribute festival. That's why we have people travelling to GlastonBARRY from all over Europe and the UK.

"We have visitors travelling from Spain, France and at least two visitors travelling over from Holland who put on a big tribute festival over there.

"They want to check out how we do things and look at some of the bands so it will be great to meet them.

"Matt and I will look to return the favour and travel over to Holland to check out their festival.

"We have some of the UK's best tribute bands playing this year, and also headline theatre acts, including the headline act on Sunday night 'Purple Rain: a Celebration of Prince'.

"We also have tributes to Stevie Wonder, Oasis, Bowie, ACDC, UB40, and many more.

"A huge thanks goes to our sponsors CJCH Solicitors, Sterling MC Commercial Finance and Barry Training Services for their support."

Local impresarios Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg.

New prison 'a good thing'

BRIDGEND'S experience suggests that Port Talbot has nothing to fear from plans to build a prison at Baglan, says Carwyn Jones.

Facing questions at the National Assembly, the First Minister told Aberavon AM David Rees that from his experience as the AM for Bridgend, where Parc Prison is located, he need have 'no fears' that the building of a prison in his area will have a negative impact.

Mr Jones said the new prison will create 500 local jobs and generate £11 million in revenue for the local economy.

He told Mr Rees: "Could I reassure my colleague that, as somebody who has a prison in his constituency, and who was the ward councillor when the prison was being built, there were concerns at the time, no question about it, but that those concerns were never realised?

"We didn't lose investment. In fact, a brand new housing estate is being built almost up to the prison perimeter at the moment, and those houses are being sold.

"Whereas people will inevitably have concerns about something new in the area, what we know not just from Bridgend, but from elsewhere in Wales, is that prisons do generate jobs and ultimately, of course, they don't have a negative effect on the local economy or town.

"I speak as somebody with a prison in my constituency. It had no detrimental effect at all on the immediate area, or indeed on the town of Bridgend, or indeed on investment."

Mr Jones said that another modern prison is needed in south Wales and that there's no getting away from that.

He added: "Of course, it's hugely important to work with local people and businesses in order to reassure them, based on what I've seen with my own eyes in Bridgend.

"I remember what happened in 1995-96, when Parc Prison was built, people did have a lot of questions, and those questions were dealt with by way of a public consultation.

"And, of course, we see ourselves 20 years on – not without teething troubles, I have to say, when the prison was opened—but, 20 years on, the prison is accepted as part of the community and has created hundreds of jobs."

Report by Michael Prosser

JENNINGS BUILDING OPEN FOR BUSINESS SOON

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Coun Smith continued: "Allied with the recent improvements to the Marina, the Maritime Centre proposal, and the fact that thousands of visitors will be coming to Porthcawl for the Senior Open later this month, these are extremely exciting times for the town."

The Jennings Building is one of the few remaining early dockside warehouse buildings from its era in south Wales.

Built in 1832, it was originally constructed as the southern terminus of the Dyffryn Llynfi Porthcawl horse-drawn tram road, which was used to transport iron and coal from the Llynfi Valley.

Coun Smith added: "The Townscape Heritage Initiative in the Porthcawl harbour area has made over £1m worth of funding available for us to work with building owners and local organisations on the sensitive repair and restoration of historic premises, structures and open spaces, all using traditional materials and skills.

"As well as giving the Jennings Building a new lease of life, the scheme has also seen the grade II-listed Customs House brought back to its original condition, with its doors, windows and slate roof reinstated, and the exterior stonework repaired.

"Another project that we are equally proud of is the way that the scheme has helped us to bring the Old Pilot Lookout Tower – another listed building – back into use. After being restored, the building was handed over to the National Coastwatch Institution, who are now using it to keep our shores safe.

"We are extremely proud of our heritage and the THI scheme has enabled us to bring vacant historic buildings back to their former glory, and celebrate the distinctiveness of local architecture."

Politicians enjoy carnival

CHRIS Elmore MP and Huw Irranca-Davies AM joined Brynna Councillor Roger Turner, Llanharan community councillors and countless volunteers in enjoying the festivities of the Brynna Carnival recently.

Mr Elmore said: "There really was lots of fun on offer at the Brynna Carnival. Huge thanks and congrats to Brynnau Primary PTA, Llanharan Community Council and all the volunteers who organised such a fantastic community event."

The event was opened by Miss Wales, who lives in Pencoed.

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20 rescues in four days at Ogmore beach

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On Sunday, July 2, there were two incidents where three young people got into difficulty after entering the river from the newly formed sandbanks.

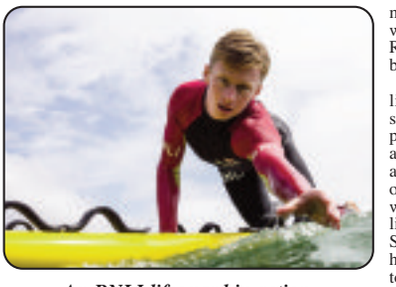
RNLI lifeguard Dave Allen first spotted three teenagers enter the river at about 1.30pm. On a flooding tide, the current was swirling and despite being close to the edge of the river, none could make it back to shore.

Dave immediately entered the water with a rescue tube and brought the weakest swimmer back to shore.

On weekends, the RNLI lifeguard service is supported by volunteers from Penybont SLSC and club member Richard Watkins paddled out on a surf rescue board to assist.

By this time, Dave had safely taken the first girl to shore and was keeping the second afloat with a rescue tube. She was taken onto the surf rescue board and returned to shore.

The third teenager – a boy – was able to tread water and was assisted back to shore. All three were checked over and given safety advice.



An RNLI lifeguard in action.

At around 3pm, Dave saw a young boy about eight years old take a step off a sandbank into the river with a bodyboard.

He was out of his depth and by now the tide was ebbing and the current quickly took him outwards.

Dave again entered the water with a rescue tube and quickly reached the struggling child, bringing him back to the safety of the shore.

Meanwhile, two more children of similar age, one girl and one boy, stepped off the bank and were immediately in trouble in the deep water of the river.

This time, Penybont SLSC member Huw Ruddell was on hand to support Dave and paddled a surf rescue board out to the children, who were panicking and using their bodyboards to stay afloat.

All three were returned to shore, made comfortable and checked over by the lifeguards.

The two incidents on Sunday come a week after around 20 other people were rescued from the river mouth by Penybont SLSC members the previous weekend, before the RNLI lifeguard service began.

Ross Gribble, RNLI lifeguard supervisor, said: "The number of people rescued and assisted from the river area at Ogmore by Sea over the last two weekends by both our lifeguards and Penybont SLCS members prove how careful people need to be there.

"The newly formed sandbanks may look like an inviting spot to swim from, but the river quickly gets deep and has strong and unpredictable currents.

"Anyone visiting Ogmore by Sea or any of beach with RNLI lifeguards should always swim between the red and yellow flags, which have been identified by lifeguards as the safest place to swim and is supervised by lifeguards at all times.

"We would also like to thank Penybont SLSC for their support. This weekend's rescues prove the importance of the partnership in the area."

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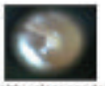
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NEW PRESIDENT FOR BRIDGEND ROTARY CLUB

THE Rotary Club of Bridgend held its president's handover dinner at the Heronston Hotel on July 3 when the outgoing president, Dr Bob Broughton, inducted Wayne Morgan as his successor for the new Rotary year 2017-2018.

The incoming president was welcomed in by Pipe Major Michael Kelly of the Swansea Pipe Band

Dr Broughton presented the 'Rotary Bell' as a symbol of the transfer of the club's administration to Mr Morgan who promised, to the best of his ability, to administer the duties of office of president in a businesslike manner and in accordance with the club's constitution and bylaws.

In handing over the presidency, Dr Broughton said that it had been a privilege and a joy to represent the club over the past year. He expressed his sincere thanks to the chairs and members of his committees for all their hard work and also to their families of members for their support given during the year.

In his final act as president, Dr Broughton presented the Rotarian of the Year award to Roy Hodkinson, the club's webmaster and IT adviser.

Dr Broughton said: "It is always difficult to single out an individual for recognition as there so many dedicated Rotarians who are fully committed to the organisation but on this occasion, I am recognising the work undertaken by Mr Hodkinson in promoting the club during the year."

The new president thanked his predecessor for his steady hand at the helm throughout his year in office, which had been the hallmark of a calm and assured continuity, steady progress and harmony and expressed his wish to emulate the excellent work achieved during the past year and looked forward to working with his new team, his president elect, Hopkin Joseph, his president nominee Brian Roberts and the chairs and members of the various committees.

The Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Bridgend and a past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, addressed the new president and the club.

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Presidents present and past: Wayne Morgan (left) and Dr Bob Broughton.

Porthcawl Bridge Club results

THE latest results from Porthcawl Bridge Club are:

Saturday, June 24: First, Connie Dick and Trish Saunders; second, Debbie Lea and Emer Disley.

Thursday, June 29: First, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant; second, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

Saturday,July 1: First, Julian Pottage and Tony Radcliff; second, Peter and Sandie Jenkins.

Thursday, July 6: First, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant; second, Chris Rawlings and Tony Haworth.

The club meets twice a week on Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 6.45pm–9.45pm – visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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'BRIDGE OF FLOWERS' FOR FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

The Barry Hookers team.

The Barry Hookers on their 'Bridge of Flowers' display.

THE Barry Hookers descended on the Knap gardens to create a beautiful 'Bridge of Flowers' in preparation ready for the 'Friendship Tree Festival' at the Knap Lake and Gardens on Sunday, July 23.

Festival organiser Glyn Pooley said: "This beautiful hand-made artwork is a real joy.

"The theme of the festival is 'Peace and Friendship', and our aim is to create a gentle event, with a friendly atmosphere.

"We welcome all members of the public to come and enjoy this free day of music, art, dance, peace and friendship in a beautiful natural setting. Bring a picnic and a blanket and help us keep the sun shining!"

The event will take place at the Knap lake and gardens from 11.30am on July 23, and entry is free.

For more information on Art4u and the Friendship Tree Festival, visit www.art4uwales.org.uk. Donations to Art4U Wales will be warmly received.

Hot weather 'can kill animals' warns the RSPCA

AS summer continues, RSPCA Cymru is bracing itself for a busy July; in June the charity received 133 calls involving animals left in hot and stifling conditions.

It means it is getting a call on this one issue every five and a half hours.

In England and Wales, 2,065 calls were received relating to animals suffering from the heat with the majority being dogs left in cars, caravans or vans on hot days.

Members of the public are urged to call 999 rather than the RSPCA if they see a dog in distress in a hot car.

The police will then inform the RSPCA if animal welfare assistance is required.

RSPCA superintendent Martyn Hubbard said: "Put simply, there are fatal dangers of leaving animals in unsuitable environments, like dogs in warm cars.

"Temperatures can soar quickly in a car, caravan, conservatory or outbuilding. "If it's 22°Celsius outside, within an hour the temperature can reach 47°Celsius inside, which can have disastrous consequences for animals.

"Call handlers received 133 calls in June alone about animals left in hot environments in Wales, and a peak of reports of animals struggling over July seems very possible.

"We're urging the public to continue helping us spread the message as to the dangers of people treating animals in this way. Where people see a dog in distress in a warm car, they should dial 999."

More information on the dangers of leaving a dog in a warm car, and how the public can help stop this happening, is available at www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/dogs/health/dogsinhotcars.

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Harvey and Maxwell don't make a racket.

Doggy double hoping for 'perfect match'

AS Wimbledon draws to a close, Dogs Trust Bridgend is seeking a home for a 'doggy double' who are looking for their 'love match' this summer.

A spokesperson wrote: "Springer Spaniel duo Maxwell and Harvey are both 12 years old and are looking for a home together where a loving new owner can serve up lots of fuss, cuddles and most importantly, love.

"The pair are older, so aren't as spritely as the Wimbledon competitors but in typical Spaniel fashion, love chasing after a ball.

"But they are looking for a quiet life away from the crowds, and love fuss and attention from human fans."

Angela Wetherall, Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming Centre manager said: "Brothers Maxwell and Harvey are a devoted doggy duo and work really well as a team! They are the best of friends and would love the chance to win the heart of a new owner.

"Taking on a doggy duo can be extremely rewarding–while it's double the responsibility, you'll also find that it's double the love."

Both dogs are housetrained so could be left for short periods of time. They are looking for a quiet home and could live with children older than eight years old.

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Open day in Rhoose

CELTIC Way Community Centre, Rhoose, is holding a fun open day on Sunday, July 23 from 10am-4pm.

There will be a display by the community police featuring police dogs, horses and a special car. There will also be a bouncy castle and slide children's activities, art display and a visit from the airport fire service.

Everyone welcome.

Marie Curie Hospice hosts afternoon tea

PATIENTS at a Penarth hospice were joined by their families and staff for a weekend tea party.

Staff at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice held the Blooming Great Tea Party on July 2, as part of the charity's summer fundraising campaign.

A spokesperson wrote: "Kitchen staff whipped up all sorts of tasty treats for patients and family members to enjoy with patients."

Staff from teams across the hospice volunteered to provide the guests with cups of tea and cake.

Gill Davies, deputy ward sister, said: "We wanted to give a treat to our patients and their relatives, and what better way to do that than with a tea party?

"We hope they all enjoyed the chance to have a bit of cake and a cuppa with their family and friends."

The event followed the tea party-themed 'Carers' Café', which was held at the hospice the previous Tuesday, with carers of people living with a terminal illness able to access advice and support from Marie Curie and partners.

The Carers' Café is held on the first and last Tuesday of the month at the Bridgeman Road hospice.

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HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNISED FOR DOING A GOOD JOB!

Lee Cook with Princess of Wales Hospital director Jamie Marchant, receiving his ABMU Patient Choice Award.

A HEALTHCARE supporter worker has been honoured for the dedication and compassion he shows to his patients while doing his job.

Lee Cook was named the winner of the 'Patients' Choice Award' at the University of South Wales School of Care Sciences 'annual student showcase'.

The event aims to 'celebrate the achievements of its nursing and midwifery students who have demonstrated excellence in practice'.

Lee works on Ward 18 at Princess of Wales Hospital, which cares for frail elderly patients, many with dementia, while also studying part-time for a certificate of higher education in health care nursing support worker education (CHEHCNSWE) with the university.

He was nominated by relatives of a patient who felt Lee had been instrumental in a vast improvement in their father's mood and behaviour.

Lee said: "After getting the nomination, my ward manager read the letter out to the whole team. Caring for my patients and making sure they are comfortable is what makes me happy."

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Carrier-bag tax helps fundraising effort in Bridgend

YOUNGSTERS from Bridgend Sports RFC and Bridgend Town AFC went to this year's Bridgend County Show to compete in a fundraising event involving a spacehopper sprint and a few sumo suits from a local Tesco store.

A spokesperson said: "With the sun shining on the main ring, 25 boys from both clubs displayed some speedy footwork in the welly race, pushed for bouncing best in the spacehopper sprint and fought to stay the right side of the line in the tug of war.

"Each club received a £250 donation from the Tesco store on Cowbridge Road, branded water bottles and medals for their commendable efforts.

"Store colleagues also distributed strawberries and cream which went down a treat with visitors with more than 1,400 pots given away.

"So far this year, the Tesco Extra store has supported a number of charities and projects in the town including The Bridge, a mentoring charity that has worked in the community for over 15 years and Parc Slip Nature Reserve.

"Tesco's Bags of Help initiative is also available throughout Bridgend. The initiative works to distribute funds from the 5p bag tax to not-for-profit organisations and projects that benefit the local communities."

For further information on the Tesco Bags of Help initiative or to apply for funding, visit www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco.

MP surgeries

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore will be out and about in the Ogmore constituency this summer listening to the concerns of residents.

Mr Elmore said: "People don't need to make an appointment, just turn up if there are any issues I can help with.

"If they can't make any of the surgeries they can get in touch with me via email or call my office." Mr Elmore's email address is chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk and his Pencoed office number is 01656 870 034.

Surgery dates are as follows:

Friday, July 14 from 12:30pm – 1:30pm at Bryncae Community Hub.

Wednesday, August 2 from 9:30am – 10:30am at Evanstown Community Centre.

Wednesday, August 2 from 5pm – 6pm at 44a Penybont Road, Pencoed (jointly with Huw Irranca-Davies AM).

Thursday, August 3 from 12:30pm – 1:30pm at Blaengarw Working Men's Hall.

Friday, August 11 from 10am – 11am at Tesco, Maesteg.

Saturday, August 12 from 9:30am – 10:30am at Llanharan RFC.

Police discover body of missing man

Jude went missing last week.

POLICE officers searching for 27-year-old Jude Bridges, who was reported missing last week, have located the body of a deceased man.

A spokesman said: "Sadly, we can confirm the identity of the deceased is Mr Bridges. The death is not being treated as suspicious.

"His family has been informed and is being supported by specially trained officers."

RUNNING FOR SUMMER
Ogmore family sign up to support kidney patient

A 41-YEAR-OLD from the Vale has signed up to run this year's Cardiff 10K road race to raise funds for the charity which has supported her family during the eight years her niece has been receiving treatment for kidney disease.

Hayley Carter has pledged to raise funds for Kidney Wales, the charity which supports thousands of patients across Wales suffering from kidney disease, including Hayley's niece, Summer Kansiray.

Now aged nine, Summer has spent almost her whole life in and out of hospital having been diagnosed with a Wilms' tumour at the age of 14 months.

The rare form of kidney cancer saw Summer endure six months of treatment at the University Hospital of Wales before having the organ removed in a bid to eliminate the cancer.

Unfortunately, Summer relapsed and the cancer returned to her other kidney six weeks later, which ultimately had to be removed too.

Following the loss of both kidneys, Summer spent almost three years on a dialysis machine at home, which carried out the function of the kidneys, removing waste and excess water from the blood.

Summer was four years old when she received the news she and her family had been waiting for: there was an organ available and she was to receive a kidney transplant.

Despite a brief period following the transplant in which doctors discovered that Summer's body was rejecting the foreign kidney, she was finally discharged and sent home to recover with her family.

However, the trauma was not over for Summer and her family when in August 2015, Summer's transplanted organ unexpectedly failed. At only eight years old Summer found herself back on dialysis for the second time.

Summer Kansiray is nine and has been receiving treatment for kidney problems since she was 14 months old.

Summer is awaiting a new transplant and is still on daily dialysis treatment, which her mother carries out at home for 10 hours every night.

Summer's ongoing ill health has affected the entire family.

Consequently, Hayley, is training to run the annual Cardiff 10K to raise funds for Kidney Wales in recognition of the support the charity has provided for Summer over the past eight years.

Speaking during her training, Hayley said: "We can't speak highly enough of Kidney Wales and all they have done to support Summer.

"As a family, we do all we can to support Summer on a day-to-day basis, from helping with homework when her illness means she is unable to attend school, to helping her over the finishing line of last year's family 2K fun run, which takes place just before the Cardiff 10K.

"Hopefully, Summer will be able to take part in the 2K again this year, but if not, I will be running for her and Kidney Wales in the 10K and making sure more people are aware of the severity of kidney disease."

On why she's chosen the Cardiff 10K as her fundraising opportunity, Hayley commented: "It's hard not to feel pride that you're all running for one cause, you really couldn't get a better atmosphere anywhere else."

To support Summer and to raise funds for Kidney Wales, visit the family's Just Giving page: http://bit.ly/2t8TGKT

Marie Curie bike ride

HERE'S a date for your diaries: Sunday, August 27 (Bank Holiday Sunday).

Locals from the Edmondes Arms pub in Cowbridge will be holding a fun bike ride to raise funds for Marie Curie Trust, Holme Tower hospice. The event gets underway at 10am from behind Cowbridge Town Hall.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us and ask your friends to come along too. If cycling isn't for you, then please donate, sponsor a friend or join us in the afternoon (at the Edmondes) for barbecue, festivities and an evening auction with some fantastic lots and, of course, some live music.

Our cause? We're cycling to remember our dear friend Kevin Barry whom we lost to cancer last year.

The Marie Curie Trust meant so much to Kevin and his family, just as they do to so many others. All our lives will be affected by cancer in some way and this is one small step to help Marie Curie continue their wonderful service until a cure can be found.

The route? From Cowbridge Town Hall to the Edmondes Arms, but the hard way.

The route will take you via Corntown, Ewenny, Ogmore, St Brides, Wick, past Llantwit Major and St Athan, then Llancadle, Bonvilston and finally back to Cowbridge. All in all about 30 miles.

The costs? For entrants to the bike ride, we're asking for a (voluntary) £20 per person by way of donation to Marie Curie Holme Tower hospice. Its really up to you.

The important bit: you can donate at the Edmondes Arms (anytime), with the tin-rattlers on the day, or by visiting our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Edmondes-Bike-Ride.

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Out & About with The GEM

Spider-Man's Homecoming is Marvel-lous!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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ONE of the best things about last year's *Captain America: Civil War* (and there were a few) was the arrival in the Marvel Cinematic Universe of Spider-Man. Having been in his own universe, literally, under the umbrella of Sony Pictures, the webslinger shone with Tom Holland taking on the role.

The first Spider-Man film to be set in the MCU (produced by Marvel alongside Sony) now hits cinemas in *Spider-Man: Homecoming*. Set after the events of *Civil War,* it sees Peter Parker adjusting to the real world after the adventures of the airport battle.

Having mingled with the likes of Captain America, Ant-Man et al, Parker is looking for some more excitement, so when Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr) takes Parker under his wing, Parker looks for action.

However, he meets his match when he stumbles upon Adrian Toomes (Michael Keaton), a man who has resorted to crime after Stark put his company out of business, and who is using stolen technology.

Otherwise known as The Vulture, can Spider-Man snare Toomes in his web and stop him wreaking more havoc...?

Given that Tom Holland is the third Spider-Man in 15 years, and this is the franchise's second reboot, it could be argued that cinemagoers and fans may be suffering from Spidey-fatigue.

It's a notion, however, that can be put to bed from the get-go, as *Spider-Man: Homecoming* is arguably the best film about the wallcrawler yet (nudging Sam Raimi's immense *Spiderman 2* for top spot), and in its own right a wonderful shot in the arm for what has been, on the whole, a rather moribund summer.

This is the first time we've seen Peter Parker as he was meant to be, a schoolboy with incredible powers fighting crime 'at ground level', and it's safe to say that director Jon Watts and Tom Holland have nailed the character.

Holland was incredible in his brief but memorable turn in *Civil War*, but given a whole film we get to see the true extent of his performance.

Undergoing the learning curve that most superheroes have to go through, Holland engages throughout; likeable, charismatic and hugely charming, he is the best actor to pull on the costume yet, delivering a wonderful performance.

In fact there's no weak points here; Robert Downey Jr and Jon Favreau (as Happy Hogan, sequestered as Parker's reluctant point man) enjoy some time away from the heavy lifting of the other Marvel films with breezy, but pivotal, turns, while the likes of Jacob Batalon as Parker's best friend, Zendaya as the pithy schoolmate, Tony Revolori as the charmless Flash (not that DC Comics one) and Marisa Tomei's Aunt May are all superb.

But what is a hero without a villain, and *Homecoming* offers up one of the best Marvel villains yet. It helps when you're given an actor as talented and as on-form as Michael Keaton is now, but with some clever writing Toomes is engaging, smartly-developed and captivating to watch.

It helps that he isn't written as a stone-cold villain; Toomes is a salvage company boss tasked with clearing up the mess left after the first Avengers film, but is put out of work when Tony Stark takes on the contract, or as one character puts it: "They make the mess then they get paid to clear it up", and needing to make ends meet, turns to dealing in the materials he was previously tasked with disposing.

Making the bad guy a character who fundamentally is doing no worse than those around him ("How do you think your friend Stark made his money?" he points out saliently to Parker at one point) is a shrewd move and one that pays huge dividends.

Director Jon Watts may be dipping his toe into the world of big-budget films here, but yet again Marvel get their choice of director spot on. Fusing an 80s, John Hughes-esque high school film (there's even a Ferris Bueller nod) with a superhero film may risk being over stylised, but in Watts' hands it works perfectly, a scenario where getting a date to the homecoming dance is as risky as stopping a bank robbery.

Watts gets the tone of the film just right, and in a world where Marvel are getting ever-more serious as we reach the Infinity War, it's nice to see a film that cuts loose and plays things a little more lightly.

Even at 133 minutes it breezes by in a heartbeat, and definitely leaves you wanting more. A perfect slice of Spider-Man fun, *Homecoming* is an exceptional film.

VERDICT: The first Spider-Man film set in the Marvel universe is a triumph, *Homecoming* is part-teen movie, part-superhero blockbuster– but wholly incredible! Tom Holland exudes charm as Peter Parker, Michael Keaton is a revelation as a (figuratively) grounded and realistic 'villain', and the film just sings from the start. A wondrous effort from Jon Watts, we finally have the Spider-Man we deserve. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Deadpool* (2016), *Iron Man* (2008).

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Crazy World guitarist at West End Club

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Australian guitarist Derrin Nauendorf.

Doors open at the club at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Australian-born Derrin recently released his tenth album *Crazy World* and recent extensive touring has taken him back home to Australia, across Europe, and on a successful tour of Russia which included a Philharmonic Hall sell-out.

He has also won praise for his writing, with the lyrics to his song 'Shipwrecked' published in a text book for English Literature by Cambridge University Press, after being played on Radio 2.

Barry Arts Festival organiser, Mike Duggan, said: "It will be great to have an artist of Derrin's standing as part of this year's Barry Arts Festival.

"With the support of Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing we are always looking to bring world class acts to Barry, and I am sure that Derrin will wow the West End audience."

Tickets, costing £10, are available direct from Barry West End Club, from Mike Duggan on 07561 143 114 or online via www.ticketsource.co.uk/barry-arts-festival.

MESSY CHURCH

THIS Sunday, July 16 at 2.30pm Messy Church will take place in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop).

A spokesperson said: "From then on (except for August) every third Sunday in the month St Mary's Church and Zoar, Bonvilston invites toddlers and parents and youngsters of all ages."

Games, crafty things, Bible stories, refreshments for all the family. Plenty of parking – further information from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020; Rev Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach, on 01446 781309.

National Theatre Wales plans to mark 70th anniversary of the NHS

A YEAR ahead of the National Health Service's 70th anniversary, National Theatre Wales (NTW) is inviting patients, families and staff, past and present, to share stories of their own experiences of the NHS.

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NTW inviting people in Wales to share their stories of the impact the NHS has had on their lives.

A spokesperson said: "NTW will create a series of seven 'multi-platform productions', made and performed live across the country and online in July 2018 called *NHS70*'.

"Get in touch by visiting nationaltheatre wales.org/nhs70 and filling in an online form; by post to National Theatre Wales, 30 Castle Arcade, Cardiff CF10 1BW; on Facebook at *www.facebook.com/nationaltheatrewales, or by leaving the company a message on your preferred social media platform using the hashtag #MyNHS70."*

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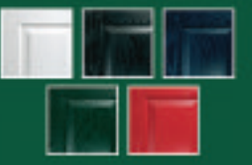

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NFU Cymru 'deeply worried' by new WG consultation

NFU CYMRU is urging farmers to get involved with the Welsh Government consultation on Taking Forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources.

The Welsh Government consultation, launched last week, is seeking views on a broad range of proposals that are highly relevant and which could have serious implications for farm businesses across Wales.

Proposals include enabling cycling and horse riding on footpaths; extending CRoW (Countryside and Rights of Way) Access land to rivers and other inland waters; as well as revoking the list of restrictions on CRoW Access land to allow organised games, camping, hang-gliding or para-gliding.

Other proposals include the introduction of basic measures for agriculture for the protection of water, air and soil quality. Basic measures are a regulatory approach that set minimum standards for undertaking specified activities and include provision to penalise those found to be in breach.

NFU Cymru Rural Affairs Board chair, Hedd Pugh, said: "From the title of the consultation, its significance would not be immediately apparent.

However, from closer examination of Welsh Government proposals it is clear that the content is highly relevant to our sector and will be deeply worrying for our members.

"In our view, many of the chapters merit separate consultation in their own right and it is disappointing that Welsh Government has opted to bundle them together in this way.

"Overall NFU Cymru is very disappointed that Welsh Government seems fixed on achieving the objective of the sustainable management of natural resources via costly regulation of farm businesses.

"We are clear that the new legislative framework and ways of working presents the opportunity for the industry to work with Welsh Government and NRW on the development of voluntary, partnership approaches that deliver better outcomes for farming, the environment and society."

Competition seeks 'creative ways of celebrating carers'

A CREATIVE writing and photography competition seeking poets, authors and photographers has launched in Bridgend on the subject of 'caring'.

The competition, launched by national charity, Carers UK and supported by Specsavers Healthcall, is open to everyone and welcomes poems, short stories and photography on all aspects of caring, and, said a spokesperson: "...exploring the joys, challenges and complex emotions that come with looking after a loved one".

First, second and third prizes for the competition are high street gift vouchers, while for entries making the shortlist, an anthology will be printed and sent back containing their work.

Heléna Herklots, chief executive of Carers UK, said: "We have had an overwhelming response to our creative writing competition in recent years, receiving hundreds of poems and short stories that reflect the true realities of caring – the good, the challenging and the humorous – resonating with all carers, no matter what their circumstances.

"We hope that by reaching more families than ever before through our competition and partnership with Specsavers Healthcall, carers will know that Carers UK is here for them with advice, information and support, whenever they might need us."

Alison Warren, director of Specsavers Healthcall in Cardiff and the Vale, said: "In the course of our home visits in the local area, we hear a wide range of inspirational stories that deserve to be heard.

"The competition acts as an ideal opportunity to celebrate both the fantastic care available in the area and the experiences of those who benefit from it."

Readers can enter one or more categories with up to two poems, each no longer than 40 lines; one short story, of up to 1,000 words or up to four photographs.

The deadline for entries is Monday, July 31.

Entries can be submitted online at www.carersuk.org/creativewriting or sent in the post to Creative writing competition, Carers UK, 20 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4LX.

'Unique' CAVC apprentices complete their courses

The junior apprentices with their tutors and (far left) Sharon James and CAVC schools manager Cara Moloney.

THE first cohort of 14 to 16-year-olds who have taken a 'unique' – in Wales – vocational career route at Cardiff and Vale College have completed their courses.

CAVC's year-11 junior apprentices were joined by friends, family and their tutors and treated to a special graduation and awards ceremony at the College's City Centre campus.

College principal Kay Martin said: "It's been an honour to stand on stage and celebrate the fantastic achievements of our junior apprentices; they have all worked so hard this year and come so far. It's been quite a journey but it has been more than worth it to see what these young people have accomplished."

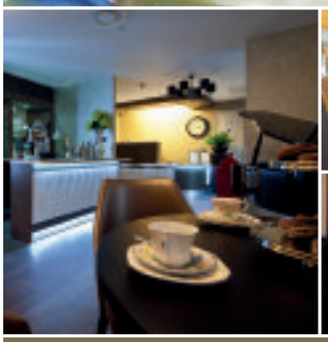
The graduation also featured an awards ceremony. Fifteen-year-old construction student Taylor Burford from Barry won the award for Most Improved Junior Apprentice, while hair and beauty learner Jade Cross, 15 and from Cardiff, won the award for Junior Apprentice of the Year.

"I'm chuffed to win this award," Jade said. "I've come a long way after a rough start – a really rough start. I've enjoyed this evening as well.

"The junior apprenticeship is really good and it will help me with my career. It's good because I did not get on with school."

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court Wards, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, July 15 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.



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PUPILS TAKE THE LEAD TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

The Snowdog pups visit the trail's Learning Programme sponsors, Acorns Nurseries.

SCHOOLS across south Wales have been adopting puppies to help raise money for a children's hospice charity.

More than 50 schools have signed up to a special fundraising campaign in aid of Tŷ Hafan. The hospice's Snowdogs: Tails in Wales campaign will see more than 40 individually decorated giant fibreglass Snowdog sculptures scampering across Cardiff and the Vale for 10 weeks in a mass participation public art trail from September 16.

As part of the campaign's learning programme, pupils are taking part in a host of fundraising activities and have been given their own Snowdog pup, which is half the size of the giant ones, to design and unleash onto the autumn trail.

The campaign, inspired by much-loved animation *The Snowman and the Snowdog*, is being organised by children's hospice Tŷ Hafan, with support from brand owners Penguin Random House and event producers Wild in Art.

Thousands of friends and families are expected to follow the free public art trail to find their favourite Snowdogs and rediscover the region's amazing open spaces and iconic buildings along the way.

At the end of the 10-week trail, each of the large Snowdogs will be auctioned to raise thousands of pounds to help Tŷ Hafan offer care and support life-limited children, young people and their families across Wales. Pups are returned to their school or community project after the trail closes.

The learning programme part of the campaign is being sponsored by Acorns Nurseries.

For more information on the Snowdogs trail and how you can get involved, visit www.snowdogstailsin.wales.

'Donate a mug' coffee morning

ALL Saints' Church Hall in Barry was absolutely buzzing and packed on June 24, with people purchasing mugs at £1 that had been donated in aid of the Roof Restoration Project.

With over 60 mugs being sold on the day and including a raffle, the coffee morning raised a total of £245. Musical entertainment was provided by Tony and friends, which went down a storm.

Grateful thanks are extended to Marilyn Sylvester for organising such a fine event and working her socks off, providing the refreshments and raffle prizes.

Also a big 'thank you' to all those who donated mugs, bought tickets, attended on the day and helped out to make the morning such a success.

Many thanks for your help and support.

ANN ELLIOTT

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Samantha B super sale!

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The 50 per cent off sale started last week, many ladies snapping up a few summer bargains, but don't worry there's still plenty to choose from, and all our usual services apply, great service and helpful advice.

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From Thursday, July 13 to Saturday, July 15, we will have a barn sale which is located behind Sam B, prices from as little as £2!

As one of our favourite labels is sadly no longer with us, there will be some fantastic opportunities to pick up some poppy knitwear, t-shirts or trousers - a great way to stock up on old favourites.

There will also be some other fab offers including Olsen, Bianca, Marble and others at crazy clearance prices.

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Mike Mitchell of United Worldwide Logistics and former S4C weather presenter Jenny Ogwen, with volunteers exhibiting a selection of the bags being transported to Anglesey.

Dinas businessman's puts on a 'Save the Children' fundraiser

A DINAS POWYS businessman is supporting a major fundraiser for 'Save the Children' in which volunteers across Wales are collecting 'pre-loved' handbags, scarves and ties to be sold at the National Eisteddfod in Anglesey next month.

Mike Mitchell is managing director of United Worldwide Logistics, a Barry and Pencoed haulage company.

Since the beginning of the year, he has supported Save the Children in his local community, volunteering his time to give inspirational talks on the work carried out by the organisation and offering funding and support through his family business.

Mike recently donated the use of a lorry and trailer from his fleet of vehicles and a dedicated driver to travel the length of Wales transporting the handbags, scarves and ties collected by volunteers in south Wales.

The goods will be sold at the National Eisteddfod between August 4 and 12, in a bid to raise funds for Save the Children's work in Wales and overseas.

The container of donations started its journey this week from Barry to Bodedern, where the Eisteddfod will be held. The donations will be sold on the Save the Children stall.

Mike explained: "I'm so pleased to be able to support Save the Children in this way.

"Save the Children became our company's charity of choice as soon as we saw the huge impact the organisation has locally, which I didn't realise before.

"To be able to support in a way that works around our business hasn't just been valuable to Save the Children, but has provided a more engaged workforce who have all enjoyed giving something back to our community."

During the Eisteddfod week, the charity's stall will be a hive of activity selling the donated goods and hosting events to promote the charity's work internationally and in Wales.

A celebrity auction will also be held on the Wednesday of the Eisteddfod with an opportunity to buy items donated by the likes of Katherine Jenkins, Sian Phillips, Jonathan Pryce, Bryn Terfel, Shan Cothi, S4C's *Heno* presenters and *Pobol y Cwm* actors, and a scarf donated by *Gavin & Stacey*'s very own Dave Coaches actor Steffan Rhodri.

Barry TV presenter and former HTV and S4C weatherlady Jenny Ogwen has also donated a bag for the auction.

Jenny has been a much-valued supporter of Save the Children for many years and is an ambassador for Save the Children in Wales. She bought the bag for the prestigious 'Women in Wales' lunch this year, an event which raised £30,000 for the charity's work in Wales.

Jenny said: "Over the years the National Eisteddfod had become a great place to shop with all kinds of fashionable bags, clothes and jewellery for sale. And this year the Save the Children stall will be the go-to place for a bargain – all of them either brand new or in excellent condition.

"There are even some designer items up for grabs! All proceeds will go towards an excellent cause."

Ruth John of Save the Children added: "We'd like to thank everyone involved in this project, from across the whole of Wales and over the borders into England.

"The support has been overwhelming and we are so very grateful for the time and effort taken to raise as much money as possible for Save the Children."

JANE HUTT JOINS EID CELEBRATION

Jane Hutt AM with local councillors, friends and members of the Rainbow Group.

VALE AM Jane Hutt, local councillors and friends joined an Eid party organised by the Rainbow Group on Saturday, July 8 at the Margaret Alexander Centre.

Marking the end of a month of daylight fasting during Ramadan, it raised £300 for the 'Grenfell Tower community'.

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan is to retire

THE Chief Constable of South Wales Police, Peter Vaughan, has announced his retirement from policing.

Mr Vaughan (54) will leave his role at the end 2017 after eight years in the post and more than 33 years in the police service.

There was praise on social media for Mr Vaughan, who was described as "a wonderful ambassador for South Wales Police" and "a true gentleman who has remained down to earth".

Chief Constable Vaughan said: "It has been a great honour and privilege to be the Chief Constable for South Wales Police, a service I joined in 1984.

"I have had the opportunity to work across the whole of the South Wales Police area, in many different ranks and roles, and experience first-hand the warmth and support of our communities.

"This, combined with the commitment of the exceptional people who work for us and with us has ensured that at a time of austerity the service we provide to those communities has gone from strength to strength.

"South Wales Police is recognised nationally for that positive connection with the communities we serve, for the way we engage with the victims of crime, for our visibility and our use of technology. I do think that I have had the best job in the world serving the best communities, with the best people.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our officers and staff for all their hard work, dedication and support."

Mr Vaughan, from Aberfan, started his career with South Wales Police in 1984 and has served in each area of the force.

He rose through the force and in April 2007 was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief Constable at South Wales Police. He became Chief Constable on January 1, 2010.

In 2013, he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the New Years' Honours.

Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales Police, Alun Michael said: "After 33 years police service, Chief Constable Peter Vaughan has announced his intention to retire.

"I want to thank him personally for his commitment over many years, and in particular for his support over the past five years in carrying out my role as the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.

"Peter has been a pleasure to work with – challenging and innovative and creative – and together we have created a strong foundation on which to build."

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan will leave his role at the end of 2017.

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We all used to go out and buy annual bedding plants to give summer colour to our patios – but now we can be so much more adventurous.

Patio varieties of fruit, vegetables and perennials are all widely available and becoming increasingly popular, as garden space diminishes and urban gardens flourish.

"We've seen a continued interest in patio varieties, even in our 'grow your own' selections," says Mark Sage, head of horticulture at Wyevale Garden Centres.

"Things like terrace patio fruit – varieties which are grafted on to a rootstock which means they get up to about 5ft tall – will thrive even in smaller spaces such as a balcony on a flat."

There are tomato ranges which do well in hanging baskets, along with colourful salad leaves and other veg. Fruit has also come a long way from the traditional citrus that you grew in a large pot in the conservatory.

Now there's even a new dwarf mulberry (Charlotte Russe, exclusive to Suttons, *www.suttons.co.uk*) you can grow in a patio pot.

"The continued interest in 'grow your own' has seen breeders working extensively on getting really good productive, tasty fruit and vegetables suitable for container gardening, and we've seen a lot of work being done particularly on fruit trees," says Sage.

He recommends the doughnut peach – a flat type – or the ice peach, which are perfect for the small container. Some flowering cherry varieties are top grafted, so they won't get any taller, their head size will just get a bit bigger.

Some will need protection from frost – peach trees will need to be protected during the winter months, in a sheltered situation.

Slow-growing dwarf acers are great in patio pots, as are willows. Climbers such as clematis, traditionally reaching great heights and often used to scale fences and house walls or climb through large shrubs, have long been available in dwarf proportions suitable for pots.

New, more compact, varieties of perennials suitable for pots include Helenium 'Short 'n Sassy', which puts on a long-lasting display of golden blooms with chocolate-coloured cones (Dobies, *www.dobies.co.uk*), while container buddleias are also widely available.

Many gardeners who want instant colour end up shelling out on packs of bedding – but take care when you're buying because some annuals are better than others, Sage advises.

"People want plants that are bullet-proof. Bush red geraniums are our best-selling bedding plant, along with white bacopa. These lines perform whatever the weather and form the basis of many displays."

However, there is a wealth of difference between seed-raised bedding and cutting-raised bedding, he notes.

"To all intents and purposes the product looks exactly the same. But in the middle of the summer, your seed-raised bacopa will have exhausted itself and completely run out of energy, whereas a cutting-raised vegetative variety that is generally more expensive to produce will keep on going through until the first frosts.

"When you buy cheap, you have a tendency to buy mass-produced, cheaply-produced products such as a seed-raised bacopa, but actually what you want is value within your plant, and something that's going to last a season."

Easier said than done. It's virtually impossible to distinguish a seed-raised bedding plant from a cutting-raised one at point of sale, he admits.

The only way to tell is by the price – better quality cutting-raised bedding will be more expensive. Buy plants which are being sold en masse by the tray and they will generally be seed-raised.

However, some seed-raised bedding will flower well and long in the right conditions, he reflects, including busy Lizzies and Begonia semperflorens.

Bacopa and lobelia are far superior when cutting-raised, he says. Typically, seed-raised and cutting-raised plants will be found in different places in your garden centre.

Budget-end boxes of seed-raised bedding are likely to be grouped together, while more premium-end products are likely to be sold singly in pots and may be located near hanging baskets or containers, where customers buy a selection of individual plants.

Sage sums it up. "With bedding, you get what you pay for."

BEST OF THE BUNCH - Alpine phlox

This low-growing, pint-sized perennial, whose flowers pack a colourful punch, is a valuable addition to the rockery or scree bed, or even added to pots where its flowers will tumble over the edge, providing a carpet of colour accompanied by other taller spring flowers and evergreens.

Dwarf varieties such as P. subulata flower in late spring and early summer and prefer well-drained soil in full sun.

Summer-flowering plants, such as P. divaricata 'Chattahoochee', prefer a woodland area where their pale flowers glow in the shade.

Good varieties of the mat-forming types include P. Lilacina, a pale lilac variety and Kelly's Eye, with its striking pink flowers.

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How to tackle gooseberry sawfly

If you see small S-shaped grubs devouring the leaves of your gooseberry bushes, the chance is they are the caterpillar-like larvae of one of three species of gooseberry sawfly.

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The common gooseberry sawfly can have three generations a year, with larvae active in late April to June, July, and August to September. Female sawflies lay their eggs on the underside of leaves low down in the middle of the bush and the larvae eat their way upwards.

Their damage will result in severely defoliated plants, which may not crop well the next year. If you see them, you can either pick them off by hand or snip off the leaves they are invading.

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Underwater plants. Often called oxygenators – these grow entirely under water. They can be used in container water features but aren't essential, however they do help in keeping algae at bay.

The pretty Water Violet is a British native plant with white-mauve flowers that appear in May-June.

Floaters. Their root system hangs down in the water and they are also good algae deterrents. They provide shade to the water and can have attractive flowers although many can't tolerate frost. Frogbit is also a British native plant, with small round pale green leaves and small white flowers from June-August. It drops down to the container base over the winter months.

Water lilies. These have their root systems anchored at the bottom of the water feature whilst the leaves and flowers float on the top of the water. There are several dwarf varieties that are perfect for container water gardens. Hardy water lilies that can tolerate frost tend only to flower in the daytime. Rubra is a miniature water-lily with small rounded leaves and slightly fragrant, cupped flowers that open deep rose-pink and then darken with age to deep red from June-September.

Pot ponds don't have to be in full sun, there are a number of aquatic plants that do well in shaded areas, but you need remember that water lilies flower better if they get three to five hours of direct sunlight a day.

Choosing the right pot for your garden and for a successful water feature is essential. If you are using a large sized terracotta pot, then you will need to plug the drain hole with a rubber or cork stopper and pond sealant.

Other water feature containers could be old Belfast basins and water troughs or half wooden barrels; they just need to be waterproof and leak free which is easy to achieve with a plastic liner. A darker interior works better as it reflects less light back into the water so looks deeper, and dark pots absorb more heat which is good in the spring for plant growth.

You can plant several types of aquatic plants in one container but if the plants you choose grow better at different water depths then plant them on a brick or small upturned clay pot in the water to raise them to the right level. Aquatic plants can be fast growers so may need thinning out from time to time.

For a real 'wow factor', put three pots or tubs together in an arrangement to create your very own, unique water garden and then just sit back and enjoy.

SARA MILNE

Water lilies in a garden pot pond.

REINVENTING THE CONSERVATORY ROOF REPLACEMENT & CONSERVATORY UPGRADE OPTIONS

As few as five years ago, polycarbonate would have been the main choice for a conservatory roof.

While letting plenty of light in, some found that their conservatories could be too bright in summer, while cool in winter.

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The first is a lightweight, 'tiled' roof that takes its design cues from the slates and tiles found on most UK houses.

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Coun David Morris, Lorraine Pointon Bell, Coun Jon Harris and Vi Harris.

Successful strawberry tea for Mayor's charity

The Mayor with her consort, niece, sister and friends.

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Siân Vaughan, hosted a 'Sparkling Strawberry Tea' in aid of her charity Cancer Research Wales on Saturday, July 8 in the lesser town hall.

The successful event raised £810.

Those attending consumed 15 bottles of bubbly, 18kg of strawberries, two litres of cream and home made scones were provided by Mrs Vi Harris and Coun Gwen Baty.

Raffle prizes were donated by family, friends, Hendrewennol, L'Oreal and the Hair Studio in Llantwit Major.

Strawberries for the event were donated by Hendrewennol and the local Cowbridge high street shops Waitrose, Tesco, Co-op and Filco.

Many thanks to the local shops for their support and the help from family and friends, without whom the event would not have been possible .

ROTARY WATER DOESN'T SPRINKLE: IT FLOWS

FOR three years, Cowbridge Rotary Club has been paying to help to get schools in the Tororo district in Uganda a piped water supply.

Clean fresh drinking water in a school has a huge impact.

Girls don't have to bring water to school (in this society, only girls fetch water). They don't have to waste learning time, and teachers don't have to waste teaching time acting as chaperones.

More time is spent in the classroom. Grades go up.

Scatter some water around, and the levels of dust go down. Water-borne diseases such as typhoid and cholera decline.

Maybe a health centre nearby can now afford to get a water supply, since there's already a supply into the village school. This all adds up to a big improvement in the quality of life and education in the village. It's because of these things that Cowbridge Rotary Club decided once again to carry on with this project, but with a difference.

It joined forces with its twin club in Meissen to make this an international effort, expanding the budget this time to pay for four new connections to primary schools in Tororo. Under the supervision of Dr Maureen Mapp, working with the Vale for Africa and TOCIDA, schools in Akworot, Morikiswa, Osia and Poyameri have now been connected to mains water. That's over 3,750 students and nearly 50 teachers who've had their studies improved.

All the teachers and pupils, every one of them, expressed their thanks to Cowbridge Rotary Club, Rotary Club Meissen, Vale for Africa and TOCIDA for making this happen.

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New Zealand vs British and Irish Lions third test

Tennis players and gymnasts start early these days, often about five or six, so why shouldn't a budding sportswriter?

Harry Cole (aged 9) was up last saturday morning, with his notepad and pen, poised to report back on the climactic Lions v New Zealand test.

His teacher has sent it along to The GEM, and we definitely have a potential Fleet Street scribbler here!

New Zealand 15
Lions 15

Budding sportswriter Harry Cole.

THERE'S nothing better than waking up on a Saturday morning and knowing that it's the day New Zealand take on the British and Irish Lions in the series decider at Auckland's Eden Park.

The atmosphere was fantastic, the Lions fans were incredible and so was Sam Warburton's team.

The odds on a draw in the final match of the three game series were 35-1, and that's how it ended. Nobody thought it would end like it did – it was sporting drama all the way through.

New Zealand took the lead with a 14th minute try from Ngani Laumape, which Beauden Barrett brilliantly converted off the right touchline. He had earlier missed a simple penalty to show that the nerves were getting to even the greatest players in the world.

The Lions hit back after Israel Dagg obstructed Liam Williams in the New Zealand 22. Owen Farrell kicked the penalty to make it 7-3. Soon after, Julian Savea made a good breakthrough and ran straight past Farrell.

The Lions won a penalty on the halfway line and a quick tap and go allowed Anthony Watson to go on a run. His elbow collided with New Zealand skipper Kieran Read's head and the No 8 was down for quite a while.

It was a very physical contest.

Farrell soon added a second penalty to cut the gap to a single point, but New Zealand went on the break again and Jordi Barrett, the New Zealand fullback, went over for a second try which meant the All Blacks led 12-6 at halftime.

CJ Stander came on at the break for fellow Irishman Sean O'Brien and when the Lions won a penalty in their half, up stepped England wing Elliot Daly to shoot for the posts. He made it from 53 metres to make it 12-9.

New Zealand wing Julian Savea dropped the ball with the try line begging after the home side had won a line-out on the Lions five-metre line.

Jonathan Sexton went off for a while, replaced by Ben Te'o, and Jerome Kaino picked up a yellow card on the 50-minute mark for a bad head-high tackle on Alun Wyn Jones.

Kaino's tackle forced Jones to go off for a head injury assessment (HIA) and soon after, Lions captain Warburton also went off for a head test. Before Kaino returned from his 10 minutes in the sin-bin, the Lions appealed for a high tackle on Courtney Lawes and got a penalty from the French referee Romain Poite.

Up stepped Farrell, and over went the penalty that made it 12-12 on the hour mark. Taulupe Faletau won a scrum for the Lions, but New Zealand gained a penalty and Barrett kicked another pressure goal to make it 15-12.

Jamie George was caught out with two not-straight throws at the line-out and then Liam Williams dropped an Aaron Smith box-kick. It was getting tense.

The Lions won a penalty in the 78th minute and Warburton called up Farrell. The England star was spot on to make it 15-15.

The drama continued right to the end. From the kick-off, the referee signalled a penalty to New Zealand for offside by Ken Owens. After a discussion with Warburton and Read, the two captains, and his TMO, Mr Poite said it was accidental and ordered a scrum.

The game ended 15-15, which meant one of the great series was drawn 1-1. A thrilling, breathtaking conclusion.

by Pendoylan Primary School year-4 pupil, Harry Cole (aged 9).

Welsh Government 'incoherent at best' over Northern Access Road

LOCAL concerns regarding the proposed northern access Road to the St Athan Enterprise Zone "must be addressed", said South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies.

Both Llantwit Major Town Council and Llanmaes Community Council have expressed strong reservations regarding the road, with many people in the area believing upgrading the existing infrastructure would be sufficient.

The Welsh Government have brought forward £15 million to fund the scheme, but it has been suggested that with modest investment the current roads would be able to cope.

After receiving further correspondence from constituents, Mr Davies raised the issue again in the Senedd last week as he requested a statement from the Leader of the House.

He also tabled a topical question to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, but this was turned down by the presiding officer.

The South Wales Central AM said this would be of "deep frustration" to local residents who "feel the Welsh Government have failed to take their concerns seriously".

Mr Davies said, "There have been many concerns expressed locally regarding the proposed northern access road, and I have met with Llantwit Major Town Council and Llanmaes Community Council to discuss it.

"While the Welsh Government are keen to spend £15m on the road, they have so far failed to make the case for it with many residents feeling the current infrastructure, with investment, would be able to cope.

"The Welsh Government's current stance is incoherent at best, and if there is a case for the road, they should make it. If not, we should all get on with making the Enterprise Zone a success and putting the £15m earmarked to other projects in the Vale."

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Summer activities at Cowbridge Library

THE Summer Reading Scheme starts on Saturday, July 15 and ends on Saturday, September 16.

The following activities will also take place at the library this summer.

Zoolab on Monday, July 24 from 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

Introduction to small creatures, an educational and informative event. Free, for ages three and up.

Minecraft Event on Thursday, July 27 from 10am – 11am.

Designing a 'who done it' scenario using IT virtual world format; free, ages eight and up.

Bear Craft on Thursday, August 3 from 2pm – 3pm

Paper/Card craft; cost £1 per child, ages five and up.

Private-I Kit on Thursday, August 10 from 10am – 11 am.

Paper craft activity and code cracking, £1 per child, ages five and up.

Character Modelling on Thursday, August 17 from 10am – 11am.

Modelling using Plasticine and modelling tools, £2 per child ages five and up.

Cat and Dog Craft on Thursday, August 24 from 10am – 11am.

Paper/card craft, £1 per child. Ages three to eight.

In addition there will be Dungeons and Dragons sessions on Wednesdays, August 2, 9 and 16. Free of charge, age 12 upwards.

Booking is necessary for all of these activities. For further information on any of them, and to book a place, call 01446 773941.

Vale women tackle cycling challenge

A VALE woman is training for a well-known – but no less gruelling for that – charity cycling challenge

Kate Anstey, from Peterston-super-Ely, along with her friend Jackie Brown, is part of an group of women tackling a classic cycle challenge: riding the length of the UK from John O'Groats to Land's End (JOGLE) taking in Scotland, England and Wales.

It will mean cycling over 1,000 miles on 12 consecutive days, and they are raising funds for 'Women V Cancer' in September 2017.

The team will ride from the top of the UK to the bottom to support the work of three charities: Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action.

Kate said: "The team will be riding between 60 and 100 miles a day.

"Whilst incredibly tough it will also be a journey full of fun, friendship and incredible support as women of all ages and from all walks of life come together to challenge themselves for a great cause."

Kate Anstey (right) and Jackie Brown pictured before a training ride.

Kate has recently cycled to Tenby from Peterston and back in two days, over 200 miles as part of her JOGLE training. She commutes to work which is a 22-mile round trip, mountain bikes, as well as cycling with friends and the Pontyclun Flyers.

As well as training, Kate must raise a minimum of £3,000 to support the work of the cancer charities and she is asking local people and companies to help her reach that target .

To pledge support for Kate please post a sponsorship donation, made payable to Women V Cancer CAF to her at 4, Gwern Y Steeple, Peterston-super-Ely, Cardiff CF5 6LG. Alternatively make an online donation at http://www.justgiving.com/kateanstey1

Retirement bash for EVCT employee

TO mark his contribution as co-ordinator for East Vale Community Transport (EVCT), Alun Harper was presented with a cheque at an informal party at Foxy's Deli last month.

Alun, who lives in Barry, has worked since 2003 with the Penarth-based charity which provides accessible minibus transport within the eastern Vale. He has co-ordinated bookings, maintained contact with the volunteer drivers, and completed all the associated administration.

During this time he has made many friends: grateful bus-users, volunteers drivers and trustees all gathered to wish him well.

He was accompanied by his wife, Chris, who is a trustee for the charity.

What made Alun special was his interest in the buses and their maintenance. In the 31-year history of EVCT, he is the only co-ordinator to understand buses as well as the needs of passengers. Luckily for those who depend on the EVCT to get them to, for example, meetings or shopping, volunteer driver Keith Crabtree has taken on this responsibility.

EVCT is now seeking a part-time co-ordinator to work at its office in Penarth, and would welcome applications. Currently the office is being run by volunteers and temporary workers.

For more information, email or phone enquiries@evct.org.uk or 02920 705138.

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Dinas Powys Probus club learns all about sex in honeybees and in humans

ON July 4, Professor Robert Pickard, Emeritus Professor of Neurobiology at Cardiff University, and an international authority on the biology of honeybees, gave a talk to the members on 'Sex in Honeybees and Humans', the word 'Sex' in this instance defining the subjects as being either male or female.

The true gender of a newly-born child is not always clear at birth. In a village in the Dominican Republic, most babies appear to be female but at the age of puberty, many are found to be male.

Survival in any species depends upon the ability to respond to change, not simply on intelligence or strength, the commonly held belief.

Honeybees are far ahead of humans in this; they control population numbers according to the needs of their colony, whereas humans have allowed the world population to grow, with very limited attempts at control.

The result is that now, although humans are currently living at the best time in their history, the world's population is now above sustainable levels and, unless control is accepted, in 50 years time the world will be short of food, water and energy.

Honeybees evolved around 40 million years ago. They are known as a 'superorganistic group', a social unit with a specialised division of labour.

Their society centres around a queen bee who, only when stimulated by worker bees, lays an egg. The workers indicate to her that the egg must either produce a queen or a worker, dependent on the colony's need. By so doing, the food supply is kept at a sufficient level for the hive to survive.

Any excess of queens above requirements is dealt with by converting them to workers, or they are killed. Bees can direct other bees to a food source two miles away simply by symbolic navigation, this is beyond human skills.

Humans are known as a 'herding society', they don' t seek out the likely outcomes of their actions, they have evolved to benefit individuals, not groups. They are unable to choose the sex of a baby at conception.

When Man was living in caves, around seven million years ago, there was a natural, if brutal, way of controlling population levels. Starvation was common, possibly due to climate change.

At such times, the dominant alpha male would kill children or weaker members of his clan for food.

Today, our food is so nutritious and full of protein, even the humble burger more than fulfills our daily needs.

There are no natural inhibitors to man's expansion. If man is to survive at something like his current life style, he must educate all nations to recognise the critical benefits to reducing birth levels and not allow birth rates seen in some countries to continue – and discover new energy resources.

Advances in medical sciences mean that any world-wide disease, however devastating would be unlikely to reduce our population level.

Bees share 80 per cent of human genes, but humans do have the important ability to love and be loved.

The vote of thanks was given by Edward Jenkins who complimented Professor Pickard on the scope and detail of his talk.

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Cowbridge cycle race attracts teams from far and wide

The Saturday morning team time trial.

Spectators watch the riders suffer as they climb the hill on Cowbridge by-pass.

THE annual Cowbridge two-day cycle race, organised by the Cardiff 100 Miles Road Cycling Club came to the Vale on June 17 and 18.

Members of the Vale Photographic Club were strategically placed around the various courses to cover the event during uncharacteristically hot weather, which caused some competitors to question which of these two clubs they preferred to belong to!

Stage 1 was a team trial event in which four members of each of 21 cycle clubs from around Wales and England cycled the 11.4km from the west end of Cowbridge bypass to Brocastle roundabout and back.

Local readers will be aware this includes the long drag of Crack Hill! The Shropshire-based Rhino Velo Race Team were worthy winners of this stage beating Bynea Cycling Club by only four hundredths of a second.

A second stage held that day was a conventional road race comprising two circuits of a course from the same start as Stage 1 but heading out to Ewenny and then Southerndown, Wick, the west end of Llantwit Major bypass and returning to Cowbridge.

The closing section required the competitors to scale another long drag to the eastern end of Cowbridge bypass. The 85km was completed joint first by two Cardiff Ajax riders, Joseph Rees and Daniel Maclean-Howell in a staggering two hours four minutes and 12 seconds, 17 seconds ahead of the next rider.

The third stage the following day, also a road race, featured a ride along the upper section of the Ogmore Valley through more varied scenery, though given the course profile it is questionable whether any of the competitors noticed!

Starting north of Aberthin, the race proceeded to Brynsadler and then to Llanharry, Llanharan, Pencoed, Bryncethin, and Blackmill, after which the first of three intermediate timing points was passed.

From there the route went briefly across the pass to the Ely valley through Coedely for the second timing point.

A third timing point was passed on the way back to Pencoed by the same route. The race then went to Pentre Meyrick and onward to that long drag again which is Cowbridge bypass!

The 72k of this stage were completed in one hour 49 minutes and 43 seconds by first placed Morgan Jones of Cwmcarn Paragon Cycle Club. Four other riders were awarded the same time.

A sizeable team of race officials led by Will Pring oversaw the event with commensurate skill. The overall classification for the event placed the aforementioned Cardiff Ajax riders as winner and runner up respectively.

Bro Radio and Wessex Garages kick start summer with Free Fuel Friday!

THIS summer, Bro Radio has teamed up with Wessex Garages Nissan to get on the road at local events across the Vale.

As part of the partnership, the station is giving away £25 in free fuel throughout July as part of the feature 'Free Fuel Friday'.

The competition sees the Bro Radio 'street team' head to a secret location in the Vale at 3.30pm each Friday. Listeners simply have to find the team and the Nissan Qashqai first with the secret password given away by Sweeney on air at 3.45pm to win the free fuel.

The first 'Free Fuel Friday' took place on July 7 with Johanna Davies finding the Bro Radio staff at McDonalds in Barry.

Although Johanna found the team first, she was joined just seconds later by Gina Goodard and decided that she would split the fuel equally.

When asked why she wanted to share the prize, Johanna said: "We were both there at the same time, it was very close call and it felt like it was the kind thing to do".

On being told of Johanna's good deed, Wessex Garages felt that it was only right to give Johanna and Gina the full £25 in fuel.

Gareth Howells, general manager of Wessex Garages, Nissan said: "It was so close between the winners and because Johanna showed such great sportsmanship we felt they were both deserved winners. It's a great way to kick start the Free Fuel Friday competitions."

Johanna plans to use the free fuel to take her young daughter to Folly Farm in the coming weeks.

Free Fuel Friday is running every Friday in July. For your chance to win £25 in free fuel this Friday stay tuned to Bro Radio 98.1fm or visit www.broradio.fm.

Readers' Letters

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READER 'SWIMMING AGAINST THE TIDE OF CYCLISTS'

I HAVE to take issue with Karl-James Langford and his misguided comments concerning cyclists and am concerned that a Liberal Party Parliamentary spokesperson should use The GEM as a platform for views which are clearly so out of step with the many health and environmental issues we all face.

I certainly agree that some cyclists can be a nuisance, particularly on pavements where they should not be, and the Highway Code suggests riding no more than two abreast, but to paint all cyclists as a menace is a bit beyond.

On the issue of trains, fair comment, but then this is up to the train companies to provide better facilities. You raise the questionable attitudes of some cyclists, but surely the same can be said for 'some' motorists.

I ran cycling club runs for junior riders over a number of years and for obvious safety reasons, the instructions to the riders was to 'single out' if we risked causing an obstruction, or even pull over and stop if the circumstances dictated it.

Very rarely did we have an issue with motorists or tractors. I continue to find the majority of motorists respect our vulnerability, and I think we all appreciate that consideration works both ways.

Cyclists have equal rights on the road with motorists and other road users, but to suggest limiting cyclists access to main roads and narrow lanes is facile.

Some four-fifths of bicycle commutes take place on minor roads so where do they go, cycle paths?

I used to commute from Llantwit to the centre of Cardiff regularly both for fitness and to save money. I had no choice as the quickest route was to use lanes and the main A48 through Culverhouse. Is Mr Langford suggesting this was inappropriate? Perhaps as a politician, he could lobby to improve the infrastructure which has already started as a result of the excellent work of Sustrans and provide more cycle lanes so that we don't have to risk ourselves on our main roads.

You say that cyclists do not contribute to the roads of this country. You claim they pay no specific tax, but simple research reveals that apparently some 80 per cent of cyclists hold a driving licence, and by cyclists it means those who use a bike at least twice a week.

However, it is a misnomer to use the phrase 'road tax'. This was replaced by Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) in 1937. You go on to make the assumption that a motorist is paying tax to use the roads and that the money goes back into the roads. This is not the case, as it goes to the Treasury for a range of purposes.

It is probably more accurate, therefore, to describe VED as a pollution tax as ultra low emissions are now exempted.

I would like to make some final observations, again based on simple research. In 2000 there were 27.2 million cars in the UK, in 2014 it rose to 31.7 million, increasing by one per cent a year. The average passenger vehicle emits approximately 4.7 metric tonnes of CO2 a year.

Clearly, these trends needs to be reversed as the environmental consequences are unsustainable.

Coronary heart disease and cardiovascular disease is now the number one killer, with the UK having some of the highest obesity levels in Western Europe with obesity rates in the UK among girls increasing by 8 per cent and 8.5 per cent for boys since 1980.

In short, there is an obvious and urgent case for increasing exercise levels, particularly among young people. The advantage of cycling is that everyone can relate to it as there are links between participation and elite excellence, which are hard to find in other forms of exercise as it relates directly to people's everyday lives – it's something you do and not just watch on the TV.

With some 15,000 cyclists doing the Velothon last weekend and with the Tour de France having more media coverage than ever before, I suspect you may be swimming (sorry cycling) against the tide.

Howard Braithwaite, Llantwit Major.

Congestion in Dinas Powys 'could be eased by a by-pass'

BARRY resident Peter Woodford suggested last week that traffic congestion through Dinas Powys could be reduced by widening Pen-y-Turnpike Road.

While different ideas are always healthy, this suggestion is unfortunately flawed.

It would increase the already high volume of morning commuting traffic rat-running from the A4055 into narrow Station Road through Dinas Powys old village to Pen-y-Turnpike and in the reverse direction in the afternoon.

Other residential roads leading from the A4055 to Pen-y-Turnpike have parked cars on both sides and are unsuitable for taking more traffic.

Approaching the unclassified Pen-y-Turnpike, there are two width restrictions to slow traffic and cope with the unsafe junction with Millbrook Road.

Despite the Vale Council earmarking this junction for improvement, each time a funding application has been made to the Welsh Government, it has been refused.

It is unlikely that the capacity of Pen-y-Turnpike could be significantly increased without acquisition of gardens and even house demolition. The junctions of some roads off Pen-y-Turnpike (I live in one of them) have insufficient visibility splays and are already unsafe.

Increasing the capacity of the Merrie Harrier Junction and constructing a by-pass would provide the relief which Mr Woodford desires and would also benefit adjoining communities as endorsed last week by Sully and Lavernock Community Council.

Now with a supportive Vale Council, the chances of this vision becoming a reality are greatly increased.

Roger Pattenden, Dinas Powys.

'Selfish' tractor drivers cause problems for other motorists

THE laws which govern tractors on our public roads needed to be drastically updated to match the increase in traffic and the drivers involved.

It is not right that a 16-year-old, who is not allowed a provisional licence to drive on a public road, even with a qualified driver, can pass a tractor test and be allowed to drive these machines, towing potentially lethal agricultural plant on the public highway.

These young drivers have no knowledge or experience of how to behave on our roads; we have all been in a situation where we have been held up for miles behind a tractor doing 20 miles an hour and refusing to pull in to available laybys to allow other traffic to pass.

I was in a queue on the A48 a couple of weeks ago, the tractor a dot in the distance with a wide machine on the back which stopped anyone passing.

When we were held up for roadworks, he was front of the queue and it would have been an expected courtesy for him to allow the 30-odd vehicles behind him through. Remember, it is not just the private motorist being delayed. Taxis, delivery vehicles, trucks, buses are all affected by one driver's selfishness. Of course he didn't.

The queue carried on for a few more miles until he finally turned off, no doubt happy, or at least indifferent to the people affected.

I then followed him through the country lanes, trying to keep my hospital appointment. I eventually got past, but no thanks to the driver.

I reported the driver, his number and description to the police, as I hope others did.

I returned home to a message from them, saying that the driver was "doing his job as was his right, and the matter was closed".

If there's a trailer on the back, don't even expect a number plate to report.

I have spoken to a local councillor and had a meeting with Andrew R T Davies for action.

Jo Cody, Llantwit Major.

'A different recollection of Cemetery Approach history'

I READ with interest the letter from Coun Gwyn John regarding Cemetery Approach.

My recollection of this site's history under the Conservative administration prior to 2012 is different to his.

Prior to this during the Labour-Plaid Cymru-Llantwit First coalition between 2006 and 2008, I understand that contracts had been exchanged for the sale of the land to Newydd Housing Association.

Newydd's planning application for housing was rejected early in 2008 and their contract to purchase did not proceed.

On February 15, 2012 as Leader of the Council I took a report to Cabinet recommending that a public consultation be carried seeking views as to the future use of the land. It was anticipated that this would be completed and a further report considered by Cabinet in September 2012.

Unfortunately, under the Labour-Llantwit First coalition between 2012 and 2017. matters did not proceed as quickly as anticipated.

Nevertheless, it is pleasing to see the project – which started in February 2012 – completed.

Gordon Kemp.

Cyclists should not inconvenience others

I READ the letter by a member of the Liberal Party who we in the local branch voted to be our parliamentary spokesperson.

But I feel maybe the letter went too far. I have to distance myself from the letter, although I agree with most of the contents.

The letter is not Liberal Party policy and maybe [the author] Mr Langford should be more careful in future.

I did have a very awkward experience, however, with cyclists on Sunday.

I had to take my daughter to hospital and the road was closed because of a cyclists' rally. Why should we have to put up with their hobby when we have to have this level of inconvenience?

It was an extra two hours before we could get to hospital.

Clare Paterson, Barry.

Praise for 'people power'

I REFER to the recent letter from Coun Gwyn John regarding Cemetery Approach in Barry.

I am so glad that 'people power' won the day and the local council in the end took note of the 10,000-plus local petition and finally delivered this excellent project.

I look back to the days when I was a member of the Labour group and being told off for speaking up for local residents.

Having listened to the concerns of the local residents, it was both Anthony Powell and myself in a group meeting in the leader's office that said housing was not wanted there, much to the anger and upset of the majority of the-then Labour group.

It just goes to show that people power can win and get results for the town.

Coun Richard Bertin, Court ward, Barry.

Valeways should be more welcoming to dog owners

I READ with interest that Valeways charity is looking for members and donations due to Vale Council funding cuts.

Will it now be welcoming dog owners to join and contribute?

On its summer guided walking festival, [it said that] dog owners were not allowed to take their dogs.

Ashley Wallace, Barry.

Phil Gibbins, chair of Valeways Trustees, responded: "Valeways has had a policy of not having dogs on its led walks since the programme was introduced.

The reason is that we regularly lead walks where there are livestock and we all know of incidents elsewhere where this has caused problems including serious injury.

We sympathise with the enquiry and recently we planned and advertised specially created walks which avoided the risk of meeting livestock.

Sadly, the response was very poor with only five dog walkers attending.

There are many areas of our beautiful Vale where dogs may be safely walked.

But as Valeways works to keep accessible to the public the rural rights of way that are our very special heritage this potential conflict with livestock is always going to be a consideration.

Liberal attitudes to cycling

AS the Liberal Party's National Executive Committee appointed spokesperson in Wales, I feel I need to respond to a letter published recently in The GEM in order to give the official Liberal Party position regarding bicycle transport.

At a time when the number of motor vehicles on our roads is at an all time high, and with official Government figures predicting a 142 per cent increase in traffic by 2025, Liberals recognise the continued impact this will inevitably have on the environment, on our increased consumption of fossil fuels with both the atmospheric pollution they cause and the resultant affect on the quality of people's lives.

Because of this, the Liberal Party is opposed to the building of more and more roads as a 'solution'.

Instead, the Liberal Party wholeheartedly supports the increased used of bicycle transport, as they do not pollute and require little space for parking and passage.

As such, the Liberal Party seeks to ensure a better provision of cycleways in urban areas and to encourage rail companies to formulate constructive strategies for the carriage of cycles on passenger services.

Vehicle Excise Duty, of which only a small percentage has ever been used for road building/repair, has never applied to bicycles; neither has the requirement for any form of insurance.

And while cycling proficiency training and the wearing of protective equipment is recommended, the Liberal Party has no plans to introduce them as law, seeing them as counterproductive to our vision of encouraging more and more people out of their cars, especially for the large number of short journeys that are undertaken on a regular basis.

Of course, it is incumbent upon all bicycle riders to adhere to both the law of the land and to the 'rules of the road', and the Liberal Party condemns all forms of anti-social behaviour.

Coun Lewis Rees, Liberal Party in Wales.

VALE FIREFLIES' ADVICE DAY

A VALE Fireflies' 'fun and advice day' is being held at Coastlands Family Church, Colcot, Barry on Wednesday, July 19 from 10am until 2pm.

A spokeswoman said: "People have a chance to win an Amazon tablet or slow cooker. There will be extensive advice on health and well-being, including a DIY workshop, blood pressure tests and healthy eating facts.

"There will also be information on volunteering and jobs. Glamorgan Voluntary Services will be attending the event.

"Everyone is welcome to this free event and there will be refreshments on the day."

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 7) ORDER 2017

1. On the 12th July 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is to install the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 1 and remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 2 and install the parking restrictions at the locations specified in Schedules 3,4&5 below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 17th July 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 7) Order 2017"
3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 17th July 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:
Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert Map of the Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places
Dunlin Court, Barry (AW52)
On the north west side from the north eastern building line of property numbers 65 to 68 in a south westerly direction for 3.6 metres.
Gladstone Road, Barry (148) (AV51)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 146 and 148 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.
Kendrick Road, Barry (8) (AW51)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 6 and 8 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.
Kingsland Crescent, Barry (51) (AW52)
On the west side from the boundary line of property numbers 49 and 51 in a northerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.
Plymouth Road, Barry (29) (AZ51)
On the north side from the boundary line of property numbers 28 and 29 in a westerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.
Salisbury Road, Barry (52) (AX49)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 50 and 52 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.
Arcot Street, Penarth (46) (AJ64)
On the east side from the boundary line of property numbers 45 and 46 in a southerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.
John Street, Penarth (25) (AI65)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 24 and 25 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Insert Map of the Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places
Court Road, Barry (57) (AU52)
On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 55 and 57 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.
Romilly Road, Barry (32) (AX49)
On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 31a and 32 in a north easterly direction for 6.5 metres.
Station Street, Barry (73) (AW52)
On the south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 71 and 73 in a north westerly direction for 5.7 metres.
Woodlands Road, Barry (61) (AU52)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 59 and 61 in a south westerly direction for 6 metres.
Hewell Street, Penarth (5) (AI63)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 5 and 6 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 4.9 metres.
Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
On the north east side from a point 25 metres north west of its junction with Albert Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

SCHEDULE 3

Insert Map of Proposed Limited Waiting Mon to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders.
Court Road, Barry (57) (AU52)
On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 55 and 57 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.
Woodlands Road, Barry (61) (AU52)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 59 and 61 in a south westerly direction for 6 metres.

SCHEDULE 4

Insert Map of Proposed Resident Only Parking Place Mon to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm.
Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
On the north east side from a point 25 metres north west of its junction with Albert Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

SCHEDULE 5

Insert Map of Proposed Revocation of Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders
Kendrick Road, Barry (8) (AW51)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 6 and 8 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Dated this 13th Day of July 2017.
M. E. Punter. Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA

GORCHYMYN (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 7) 2017 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

1. Ar 12 Gorffennaf 2017, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124, a Rhan IV o Atodlen 9 o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 o Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg Orchymyn. Gosod mannau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 1, gwaredu'r mannau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2, a phennu'r cyfyngiadau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlenni 3, 4 a 5 isod fydd effaith gyffredinol y Gorchymyn hwnnw.
2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 17 Gorffennaf 2017, neu ar y dyddiadau y bydd yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd wedi'u gosod, pa un bynnag sy'n ddiweddarach, a chyfeirir ato â'r enw "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Mannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Diwygiad) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Rhif 7) 2017"
3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
4. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos ar ôl 17 Gorffennaf 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwn.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:
Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio 2013

ATODLEN 1

Mewnosod Map o Ddeddf Personau Anabl Mannau Parcio Arfaethedig
Dunlin Court, y Barri (AW52)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol, o linell ogledd-ddwyreiniol adeiladau rhifau 65 i 68, tua'r de-orllewin am 3.6 metr.
Gladstone Road, y Barri (148) (AV51)
Ar yr ochr dde-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 146 a 148 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 5.5 metr.
Kendrick Road, y Barri (8) (AW51)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 6 a 8, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.
Kingsland Crescent, y Barri (51) (AW52)
Ar yr ochr orllewinol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 49 a 51 tua'r gogledd am 5 metr.
Plymouth Road, y Barri (29) (AZ51)
Ar yr ochr ogleddol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 28 a 29, tua'r gorllewin am 6 metr.
Salisbury Road, y Barri (52) (AX49)
Ar yr ochr dde-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 50 a 52 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 5 metr.
Arcot Street, Penarth (46) (AJ64)
Ar yr ochr ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 45 a 46, tua'r de am 5.5 metr.
John Street, Penarth (25) (AI65)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 24 a 25, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.5 metr.

ATODLEN 2

Mewnosod Map o'r Dileu Arfaethedig Pobl Anabl Man Parcio
Court Road, y Barri (57) (AU52)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 55 a 57, tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 5 metr.
Romilly Road, y Barri (32) (AX49)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 31a a 32, tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 6.5 metr.
Heol yr Orsaf, y Barri (73) (AW52)
Ar yr ochr dde-orllewinol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 71 a 73, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.7 metr.
Woodlands Road, y Barri (61) (AU52)
Ar yr ochr dde-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 59 a 61, tua'r de-orllewin am 6 metr.
Hewell Street, Penarth (5) (AI63)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 5 a 6, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 4.9 metr.
Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o bwynt tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'i chyffordd ag Albert Road, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6.6 metr.

ATODLEN 3

Mewnosod Map of Arfaethedig Limited Mon Aros i Sadwrn 08:00-6:00 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliaid trwyddedau preswyl.
Court Road, y Barri (57) (AU52)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 55 a 57, tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 5 metr.
Woodlands Road, y Barri (61) (AU52)
Ar yr ochr dde-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 59 a 61, tua'r de-orllewin am 6 metr.

ATODLEN 4

Mewnosod Map of Preswyl Arfaethedig Dim ond Man Parcio Llun i ddydd Sadwrn 8 y bore i 6.30pm.
Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o bwynt tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'i chyffordd ag Albert Road, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6.6 metr.

ATODLEN 5

Mewnosod Map o Dirymu Arfaethedig Dydd Llun Aros Cyfyngedig i Sadwrn 08:00-6:00 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliaid trwyddedau preswyl
Kendrick Road, y Barri (8) (AW51)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o'r ffin rhwng safleoedd rhifau 6 a 8, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Dyddiedig 13 Gorffennaf 2017.
M. E. Punter. Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA

A coastal ramble unearths old industry at Aberthaw

A GROUP of 13 walkers and Ramakin joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers for a local circular ramble beginning in Cadoxton, before passing through Coldbrook and heading along Argae Lane and through Biglis Farm to long grassed meadows leading to Bryn y Don fields for morning break.

Soon the sun broke through the clouds and with the temperature rising and crossing the neatly cut Dinas Powys common to head up through the Twyncyn into the shade of woodland, a breeze was very much appreciated.

Dropping downhill by quiet lane past South Lodge, surrounded by a sweet smelling lavender hedge and emerging opposite St Andrew's Church, a stile near Glebe Farm led them back into fields.

Reaching Argae Lane and heading up through Gilbert Lane to Lidl, the lane continued downhill through housing developments to Pencoetre field and on through Treharne Road to St Cadoc's churchyard, for a short rest under the trees.

After making a brief visit into the church, a narrow path led uphill and through Victoria Park back to Cadoxton. They were joined by six more members, and the afternoon slipped lazily away at a splendid post-walk barbecue in hot sunshine.

Thirteen walkers joined Joy at east Aberthaw for the summer evening ramble, heading down through Well Road and along a narrow path below the main Vale railway line, to emerge beside the lake at Pleasant Harbour, where the blue sky and clouds along with the surrounding cordgrass were reflected in the tranquil water.

After the heat of the day, a brisk breeze cooled them as they tramped beside the sea defence wall in an easterly direction to cross the salt flats for the climb up the cliff path into Fontygary Leisure Centre.

After circumnavigating several fields near the disused western limestone quarry and returning back to Pleasant Harbour they visited the remains of the old limeworks which opened in 1888, where the four kilns were used to convert the local hydraulic blue limestone pebbles into powdery lime before being shipped out along part of the Taff Vale Railway.

Then, returning to the Blue Anchor with its glorious hanging baskets forming a blaze of colour, a pleasant drink rounded off the evening.

On July 13, meet 6.30pm at Colcot Road near the Colcot Arms for a 4.5-mile moderate walk taking in the Brynhill and Highlight valleys; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On July 15, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile moderate walk at Coed Ely near Tonyrefail; contact Sue J on 029 2070 2901.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Vale AM joins actor to support ending youth homelessness

RECENTLY, Jane Hutt AM attended the launch of the 'End Youth Homelessness Campaign Cymru' in the Wales Millennium Centre.

The campaign, led in Wales by the homelessness charity Llamau, which has its roots in Barry, aims to 'end youth homelessness in Wales within the next 10 years'.

The campaign is also supported by Carwyn Jones AM and the actor Michael Sheen.

Ms Hutt said: "I signed a pledge to offer my support for this ambitious and important campaign as I believe no young person should have to experience homelessness."

Barry and District Soroptimists are taking part in the High Street Shopping Quarter Summer Fayre on Saturday, August 12, and will soon be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Barry and District Soroptimists head for High Street fayre!

BARRY and District Soroptimists are taking part in the High Street Shopping Quarter Summer Fayre on Saturday, August 12, to raise funds for charity.

An event organiser said: "We're delighted that they're joining us in the run-up to their 50th anniversary. They will be selling homemade cakes in support of their various chosen charities.

"The event is all about the local community and of course supporting local independent shops.

"As such, we'll also be joined by the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band and Barry Community Choir.

"There will also be African drumming workshops, balloon modelling, a circus skills workshops, flower arranging competitions and lots of traditional fun and games.

"There will be a dog show running throughout the day – get in touch with Muddy Pawz on High Street if you want to get involved.

"Barry Round Table will also be getting involved. We'll be joined by Bro Radio for the day. And not forgetting, there will be lashings of strawberries and cream teas.

"The event will see the launch of the town-wide Shop Local Campaign, which aims to promote and support the local independent shops across the town."

The spokeswoman added: "As people may already know, High Street was recently voted the fourth Best Independent Shopping area in the UK, so it's the perfect place to launch the campaign."

Barry Town United appoint first team coach

AS preparations continue for the club's Welsh Premier League return, Barry Town United manager Gavin Chesterfield has strengthened his coaching staff with the appointment of Richard Williams as first team coach.

Williams brings a wealth of experience to the club from both his playing days and coaching background and is working towards his UEFA PRO License.

Commenting on the appointment, Chesterfield said: "I'm delighted to bring Richy to the club. He's someone I've worked closely with in recent years and he brings real quality and much experience.

"Ahead of next season, it's an area that I feel we needed to strengthen, but it needed to be the right person. Richy's qualities both as a coach and as a person ensure that he is a great fit for our club."

The Barry squad returned to training on Tuesday, July 4, bolstered by summer recruits Kayne McLaggon, Elliot Scotcher and Sam Jones.

The late Trevor Beerling (left).

Supporters will have a first chance to see the new signings in action on Saturday, July 15, when Welsh League Division One adversaries Goytre are their first pre-season opponents at Jenner Park (2.30pm kick-off).

Finally, the club was saddened to learn of the passing of long-time fan Trevor Beerling last week (*pictured with son Darren and the Welsh League Division One trophy at this year's awards evening*).

A regular at Jenner Park for countless seasons and a familiar presence on the team's long-distance coach trips, Trevor rarely missed a Barry Town fixture and helped the club in a number of different roles off the field, from clean-up volunteer to match sponsor.

A loyal Barry supporter through times thick and thin, it goes without saying that Trevor Beerling will be missed; and his unique character and enthusiasm for the game will not be soon forgotten. **AC**

LOVABLE LURCHER

Gordon and Rosamund.

ONE of Dogs Trust Bridgend's longest-serving canines has found a home after six months in kennels.

Six-year-old Gordon arrived at the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre in January, and staff were baffled as to why he was being overlooked after thousands of visitors came through the doors but showed him little interest.

Gordon the lurcher has now been adopted by Rosamund Aubrey from Haverfordwest six months after he arrived at the rehoming centre.

A spokesperson said: "Making Gordon's time at the rehoming centre better is in part due to the continued support and funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery, who have helped provide agility equipment in the outdoors enclosures and extra staff, to provide dogs like him with more walks."

Since 2014, more than £4.3 million has been raised for Dogs Trust animals and staff have their fingers crossed that other overlooked dogs will find a home soon, such as Megan a seven-year-old Lurcher who has been looking for a home since May 2017.

Dogs Trust Bridgend has rehomed around 280 dogs so far this year. For more information, call the Rehoming Centre directly on 0300 303 0292 or visit at Court Colman farm, Pen y Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG or go online www.dogstrust.org.uk

Rhoose boxer is off to compete in Junior Commonwealth Games

Alun Cairns, Jay Munn, Neil Munn and fellow boxer Emily Griffiths (15) female Welsh champion at junior level at 45Kg.

EIGHTEEN-year-old Jay Munn from Rhoose is completing his final preparations before the Junior Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas later this month.

The young boxer will be representing Wales in the international competition for the first time, which will require him to win four consecutive fights in order to become champion.

The young boxer won the Welsh Youth title at 75Kg, and also represented Wales in the three nations championships, receiving a bronze, which qualified him for this July's Youth Commonwealth competition.

Jay Munn is a former Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupil, who has been trained by his uncle Neil Munn since the beginning of his boxing career.

Speaking of the upcoming competition, Jay said: "I cannot wait to represent my country at the Commonwealth Games. This is my biggest competition to date and I am keen to take on other boxers from around the Commonwealth.

"I am so grateful to my uncle for the training he has given me over the years in his boxing gym in Penarth. He has taught me the importance of skill and discipline – amongst many other invaluable things.

"Without a doubt I will be thinking of all that he has taught me when I am in the ring."

Vale MP Alun Cairns visited Jay at the Penarth Amateur Boxing Club gym to wish him luck before the trip.

Mr Cairns said: "I met Jay at the very start of his boxing career, and it was clear then that he had a passion for the sport.

"I was astounded to see how much he has matured and improved – he is a very concentrated and driven young man who will undoubtedly go to the top of his sport.

"Good luck Jay; we're all behind you!"

Excellent month for Rhoose lady bowlers!

RHOOSE ladies bowls club have continued there success throughout the month of June.

Their first match on June 1 saw them travel to Porthcawl; on a difficult surface the ladies soon prevailed and came home the winners.

Scores: rink 1 M. Dutton, S. Slee, K. Bladen, & A. Shears 22 shots, Porthcawl 9 shots; rink 2 S. Dance, J. Green, P. Jupp. & D. Gardner18 shots, Porthcawl 14 shots.

On June 22 they were at home to Sully Sports. The ladies again delivered another stunning win.

Scores: rink 1 K. Mortimor Brown, A. Shears, R. Oxley Green, & K. Bladen. 26 shots, Sully Sports 7 shots; rink 2. M. Dutton, B. Langford, D. Gardner & P. Jupp. 20 shots, Sully Sports 14.

On July 6, once again on home ground, the ladies entertained Barry Central.

Scores: rink 1. B. Langford. M. Thomas, D. Gardner, & Jo Hopkins 24 shots, Barry Central 16 shots; rink 2. C. Barns, R. Oxley Green, A. Shears, & R. Craig. 33 shots, Barry Central 6 shots.

These wonderful results saw the Rhoose ladies progress to the top of the league - well done to you all.

In between all this the ladies enjoyed a lovely day when they attended the GCWBA patron's day.

This was held at Porthcawl Bowls Club and many ladies from all over the county attended.

After the game everyone enjoyed an excellent lunch at the High Tide restaurant where our president presented the winners with their prizes. **RC**

Calls to 'curb' gambling problem

JANE HUTT AM is backing calls for a National Assembly debate on the problem of 'excessive gambling'.

Answering questions from AMs, the Leader of the House and Vale AM spoke about the 'impact' of 'excessive' gambling.

She said prevention is 'crucial', and she 'felt sure' arrangements could be made for a debate on the issue to be held at the Assembly at an 'appropriate time'. **MP**

Fire safety check

SOUTH Wales Fire and Rescue Service is offering you a free fire check in your home.

You can have a free smoke alarm fitted. Come and have a chat to safety officer Dave Edwards on Tuesday, July 18 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Learn how to identify fire hazards in the home and what to do in the event of a fire. Special alarms are available for those hard of hearing. Call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along, no appointment is needed.

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

BE PREPARED FOR FUN

FROM Beavers to Cubs, and from Scouts to Explorers, all ages and grades of those involved in Scouting in the Vale would have made Lord Baden-Powell proud at a recent get-together at Romilly Park in Barry.

Great weather and plenty of activities kept the crowds happy all day long.

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@belowandaboveproductions (Facebook)

Faldo confirmed for Senior Open

THE legends of golf are coming to Royal Porthcawl this month, with Sir Nick Faldo the latest big name to be confirmed for the star-studded field that will compete for the Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex from July 27-30.

Six-time Major champion Faldo, the most successful British golfer in history, celebrates his 60th birthday on July 18 and believes there is no better way to mark more than 40 years as a professional than playing once again.

He said: "Playing a little competitive golf is part of my own plan for celebrating my 60th birthday and I look forward to playing the Senior Open."

Fijian Vijay Singh will also bid to add to his haul of three Major Championships when he makes his Senior Open Championship debut at Royal Porthcawl in what will be just his fourth European Senior Tour event.

Singh is one of a number of former Major Champions competing for the Senior Claret Jug later this month, joining the likes of José María Olazábal, Fred Couples, John Daly, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Tom Watson, Todd Hamilton and Ian Woosnam in the star-studded field.

Tickets and hospitality packages are still available, and Councillor Huw David, the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, said: "We're absolutely thrilled that the Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex is taking place in Bridgend County Borough once again and we're pleased to be one of the event partners.

"Three years ago, we were proud that the first golf 'Major' ever to be played in Wales was hosted here, and we're delighted to welcome fans back to our corner of the golfing world.

"It will be a tough task to top 2014 but I know that everyone at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club has pulled out all the stops to provide excellent playing conditions yet again.

For more information and to buy tickets for the Senior Open, please visit www.seniioropenchampionship.com or call 0800 023 2557, but Bridgend County Borough Council is giving away five pairs of season tickets for the Senior Open Championship – giving lucky golf fans the chance to watch every day of the action from Thursday to Sunday, including the practice day on Wednesday, July 26.

For your chance to win a pair of tickets, you can enter the competition via the council's 'BridgendCBC' Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts. Look out for the posts which will give instructions on how to get involved, and enter via all three social media channels to increase your chance of winning.

Entries can also be made by post by sending your name, telephone number and email address to 'Golf competition', Communications Marketing and Engagement Team, Bridgend County Borough Council, Level 1, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

The deadline entering the competition via social media or post is Wednesday 19 July.

110-RUN PARTNERSHIP IN VAIN FOR BARRY ATHLETIC

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic first XI entertained Cardiff Central on the Island under the new stewardship of Billy Usswald.

They were asked to bat first on a bright sunny afternoon and were soon up against it after they lost the wickets of Ellis, Anwar and Bruce with the score only 14.

This brought former skipper Nathan Baker and Lee Morgan together and they proceeded to compile a 110 run partnership and bring some respectability to the score before Baker was out for 57 patiently compiled runs.

Morgan was the fifth man out for 56 as Barry reached 164 for 5 in their 50 overs.

In reply Cardiff Central reached 166 for 2 with A Ilyas (63) and K Ilyas (69) as they ran out eight wicket winners with Simon Phillips taking 2 for 13.

Barry Athletic second XI travelled to Brecon and the hosts batted first and reached 253 for 7 with J Morgan 53, and Guni 4 for 55 for Barry.

In reply Barry were 188 all out with Guni (35) and Rokad (33) being the main run scorers with Starkey taking 3 for 41 for Brecon.

This weekend Barry Athletic first XI travel to Cardiff to face Lisvane, with the second XI at home to Blackwood on the Island - both games 12.30pm start.

MR

Llantwit Major A team proud but defeated

LLANTWIT MAJOR A team men's bowlers were short of two players for their visit to Millwood A last Saturday.

To add to their task, Millwood were able to field a number of their first team players as they did not have a league game.

The game was played in a good showing of camaraderie with much good humoured banter between both sides.

Llantwit's best performers were Cen Williams, Graham Snowdon, Dave Thomas and Pat Twomey, who in a tightly fought encounter managed to draw 15-15.

The game went down to the last end and Millwood were able to reverse the two shot lead that Llantwit had.

Llantwit's next best performing four were Ken Williams, Roy French, John Ball and John O'Brien who conceded early shots and finished losing by 14-24.

Needless to say, the two depleted rinks suffered heavy defeats, although they both performed well against strong opposition.

Mike Eversleigh, Andy Vincent and Dave Post bravely battled on and lost by 13-30. Doug Oatley, Les Fowler and Paul Brown held their own for most of the game but suffered large losses on the 17th and 19th ends eventually losing by 5-33.

Millwood's green is one of the more challenging surfaces and Llantwit A should be proud of their efforts despite the result.

Millwood's hospitality is superb and the post match buffet was excellent with a wide variety of savoury and sweet offerings, coupled with draught beer, lager and cider, it made the trip worthwhile.

The ever-improving Mike Eversleigh found some consolation when he won a bottle of whisky in the raffle.

Many thanks to Millwood and we look forward to your visit to us in late August.

PB

MURCH SLIP TO LOSS AGAINST RHOOSE

ON Wednesday, July 5, Murch Bowling Club played hosts to the Rhoose Bowling Club.

On a very warm evening a competitive game was played in a friendly manner between the two sides.

Despite good wins for the Murch rinks skipped by A. Cross and R. Mauchline and draw between the rinks skipped by A. Perry and C. Ashdown, the match overall was won by Rhoose due to a splendid win for the Rhoose rink skipped by G Laget.

On Saturday, July 8, Murch travelled across the city of Cardiff to play against Rhymney bowls club.

On an exceptionally fast green there were wins for the home rinks skipped by T. Stock, G. Bridgeman and A. Mackie.

R. Mauchline did skip his rink to victory but it was not enough to win the match overall.

As usual the game was played in a competitive but amicable atmosphere, which was a credit to both sides.

If you are interested in taking up bowls contact the Murch Bowling Club on 02920 513396 or visit the club and be assured of a warm welcome.

TP

Central defeat resilient Abercynon

AFTER their defeat at Roath Park last week, Barry Central got back to winning ways to defeat a resilient Abercynon team on Saturday, July 8.

Barry Central got their second win of the season to stay at mid-table at the halfway stage of the season.

Rink one of J.Bellamy, J.Frowd, G.Goldthorpe and skip D.Goddard had a good win, 38 shots to 8, while rink two of J.Selley, R.Pierce, J.Bergland and skip A.Rogers carried on with a 26 shots 8 win.

Rinks three and four unluckily lost by one and five shots respectively with the rinks of T.Goddard and T.Kaged dropping shots on the last few ends to go down.

TK

More than 15,000 cyclists arrive in south Wales to compete in the Cardiff Velothon

EVERY now and again, The GEM gets a letter on the subject of cycling – usually a clash of etiquette between two wheels and four.

As luck would have it, our letter pages this week have a number of views from readers, triggered by a strongly-worded epistle last week.

However, putting those disagreements aside, the success of the Velothon – which this year attracted more than 15,000 entrants – is proof of the popularity of a sport that certainly looks after the waistlines of the participants – although judging by the Tour de France this year, it doesn't do a great deal for knees, elbows and collar bones!

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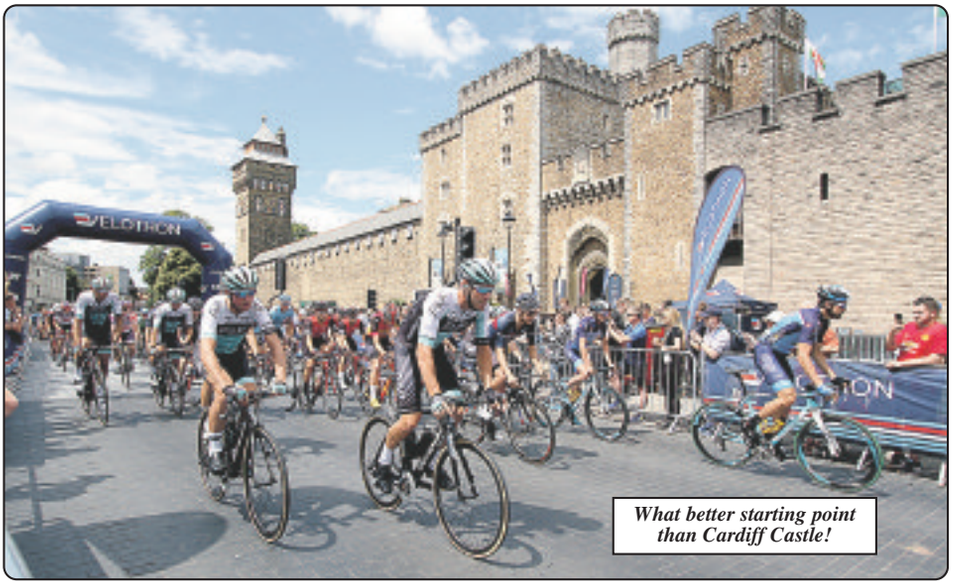


What better starting point than Cardiff Castle!

ABOVE: One of the professional teams. the Velothon gives amateur cyclists a good chance to compare their own times against the best in the sport.

BELOW: Two local entrants from the Ogmore Valley Wheelers.

Vale back to losing ways against Crumlin

LAST week saw the Vale first team go back to their winning ways, but this week saw them slump to another defeat at the hands of table toppers, Crumlin.

After winning the toss, captain JP Davies elected to bat on a very green pitch. Openers Alex Davidson and JJ Davies found it difficult to play the Crumlin attack as D Evans and K Williams bowled tight lines.

Williams (1-39) struck first taking Davidson caught behind by keeper I Hopkins. JJ Davies (19) and Joe Hodges fell cheaply too as Crumlin piled the pressure on the home side.

Withers (62) and JP Davies (45) went about steadying the Vale ship putting a vital partnership of over 50 runs, Withers scored his maiden half century for his new club before being caught in the deep off the bowling of Jolliffe (2-46).

With not enough runs on the board early on the pressure amplified on the Vale middle order and even the talismanic figures of Snelson and McCutcheon could not accelerate the run rate by much in order to give Vale the cushion they needed.

Young player Alex Upham (28no) showed his talent with the bat once again playing an array of shots that including a reverse sweep and a scoop. All batsmen who scored runs made valuable contributions to ensure that Vale scored the landmark total 200 meaning that maximum batting points were secured.

A special mention must go to Crumlin's opening bowler D Evans (1-15) who bowled an excellent spell that proved very difficult for the Vale batsman to do much with. C Lowther must also be commended for his efforts in the field despite suffering what seemed to be a painful side strain, we wish him the best in his recovery.

After tea, supplied by Vale Catering, both sides took to the field to thrash out a result with Crumlin requiring 204 to win. Both opening batsman appeared to be settled at the crease with the odd ball causing the batsman difficulties but Vale's openers struggled to find the consistency required to match the pressure they experienced in the last innings.

First change Snelson took the first wicket of the Crumlin innings after he replaced Alex Upham who was experiencing some discomfort causing him to come off early. Snelson (2-31) was the pick of the Vale bowlers and could easily have had more wickets on another day with a bit more luck.

McCutcheon also bowled well but sadly could not collect the wicket his bowling deserved leaving him with figures of 0-22 off his allotted nine overs. Other wickets were taken by JJ Davies (1-35) who also claimed a run out.

Despite their best effort, Vale could not prevent Crumlin from winning. Although the result of the game hung in the balance for some time Crumlin accelerated at the right moments. Good scored and contributions came from D Green (24) and R Hayward (32no).

The spectacle of the day however was the innings of C Hopkins who carried his team through their innings running up a personal score of 107no.

Hopkins punished Vale and could have been gone before he reached 50 if Withers had taken his chance behind the stumps; would it have made a difference, that's the beauty of cricket, you never know unless you take your chances.

Crumlin remain top of the table having secured 19 points leaving Vale in fourth and needing a good win against Creigiau next weekend.

Vale seconds travelled to Crumlin knowing a win would put them back in the promotion places.

Stand-in skipper Mark Francis won the toss and opted to bat. The opening partnership was full of experience as club chairman Gareth Andrews and Paul Sheppard steadily accumulated a partnership of 35 before Sheppard was caught in the covers.

This brought in form Skipper Francis to the wicket who soon found the boundary ropes hitting a 6 over square leg. Andrews and Francis added 41 before Francis was adjudged lbw for 27.

Andrews was joined by Matthew Thomas and with both batting positively they put together the best partnership of the innings of 82. Thomas producing some lovely off drives with Andrew scoring all round the wicket.

The partnership was ended when Thomas missed a full toss and was bowled for 40. Wickets fell as the less experienced batsmen arrived at the crease but Andrews was still looking to score his first century for Vale.

With him tantalisingly poised on 97 to achieve this he lofted the ball into the legside with mid-wicket under it. However, the relatively easy catch was dropped and two runs taken.

Andrews then promptly pushed a single that completed an excellent century including 17 boundaries and pushed Vale over 200. Andrews was caught shortly after for 102 and the Vale innings ended on 207- 7 off 40 overs. For Crumlin the best bowlers were Meek 2-14 and skipper Randall 2-48.

Vale needed to apply some early pressure and the skipper hoped the young duo of Gethin Merry and Rhys Bradshaw could contain and make some inroads into the Crumlin batting. Some loose bowling allowed Crumlin to get away to a flier as 9 fours and a number of wides were conceded in the first six overs.

However, Merry was the first to strike hitting the wickets in his fourth over to remove Parker. Despite this the skipper removed him from the attack to introduce spinner Sheppard and this was rewarded as Sheppard trapped G Davies lbw with his second ball for 32.

Bradshaw was now in rhythm and having had one catch dropped already struck as Chris Haskins made no mistake at point with the next chance as he ran in and took a very low catch.

At 56-3 Vale look well in the game and when Sheppard struck again via Dai Harris' well judged catch at square leg Vale looked in good shape but a partnership of 57 between Meek and C Williams gave Crumlin hope.

When Matthew Thomas removed C Williams for 32 the game still looked in the balance with the score at 118-5.

However, that was to be Vale's last success as Meek and Thipan then put together an impressive unbeaten partnership of 93 to take Crumlin to a 5 wicket success. Thipan finishing 52 not out and Meek 43 not out.

Sheppard 2-37, Bradshaw 1-38, Merry 1-33 and Thomas 1-29 were Vale's successful bowlers.

This defeat dents Vale seconds' promotion hopes as they are now stuck in third place behind Monkswood and Crumlin. They will need to string a few victories together to get their hopes back on track in the coming weeks.

CB

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

THE King William IV hosted the first scotch doubles final, an enthralling game won by the Billy United pair of Mark Ingram and John Farrugia.

The semi-finals were two evenly-matched games, the first between Jamie Stanton and Ian Hill who lost 3-1 to Mark Ingram and John Farrugia, followed by Whitchill boys James Hill and Ryan Rowlands just edging out Castle players Wayne Hobson and Gavin Rowlands 3-2.

The final was, at times, live streamed on Facebook by Anthony Mullins, a first for Barry pool.

The match started well for the Whitchill's James Hill and Ryan Rowlands, leading 1-0 then 2-1, but the Billy boys Ingram and Farrugia never gave up and won frames four and five.

For the first time Ingram and Farrugia were in front and should have won the sixth frame, but got beat on the black.

At 3-3 and going into the final frame none of the players were taking risky shots, and patience and a steady hand were required for this nervy encounter.

Ryan and James looked to be in control but an uncharacteristic mistake would give Mark Ingram a chance that he took, coolly potting his last ball to leave partner Farrugia a simple black over the pocket.

A great final played by four friends and a credit to all players.

The singles final will be contested by Ceri Morris and Mark Ingram, the match report and result in next week's report. This is another final for Mark who has had a great season.

The normal doubles final between Lawrence Klee Jamie Stanton of the Whitchill against Billy United opponents John Farrugia and Ceri Morris will take place Thursday night at 8.30pm at the Whitchill Hotel.

A reminder that the presentation night is this Saturday in the King William. The trophies are being handed out around 8.30pm and all are welcome; thanks to owners Dave and Jo for being mein hosts.

The new season starts Thursday, August 3 and the entry fee is £50 for one team and £90 for two teams.

We're looking for players and teams of all capabilities to join the league.

Please phone Anthony on 07568 444180 or text Joe on 07870 498738; you join or follow us on Facebook. **JB**

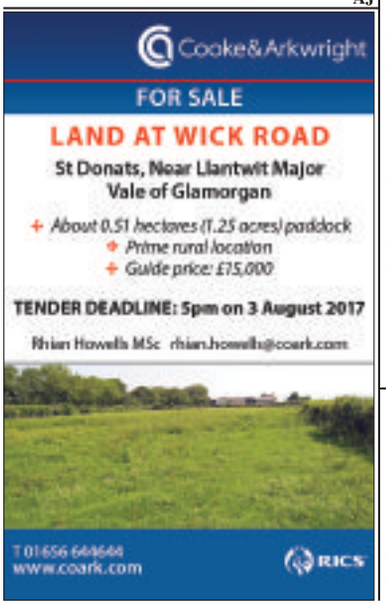
NEWS FROM BARRY RFC

THE lottery numbers for last week were 02, 05, 09 and 14.

Once again nobody managed to match all four numbers so this week's jackpot moves on to £5,450.

Following the announcement of two pre-season friendlies at home on August 5 and 12, Barry's first league fixture for the 2017-18 season will be away to Llantwit Fadre on Saturday, September 2.

AJ



Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club on July 3 are as follows:

First, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, 65.15 per cent; second, Geoff Tinkler and John Henson, 62.96 per cent; third, Amy Owen and Lynne Watts, 61.11 per cent.

LE

ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE

JAYNE BRACE and her father Gwyn Brace from the Vale had plenty to smile about at Worcester races last Thursday when their nine-year-old *Get Home Now*, confidently ridden by 16-year-old James Bowen, the national novice champion point-to-point rider, landed the closing ROA/Racing Post Owners Jackpot Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

Get Home Now, who was backed from 11-2 to 4-1, is trained by the winning jockey's father Peter Bowen at Haverfordwest who had earlier saddled *Dr Robin* to win the handicap chase under James' older brother Sean Bowen.

Mr Brace said: "It was 16-year-old James Bowen's first ride as a professional jockey, having joined the ranks just four days earlier. He gave the horse a copybook stylish ride that any top professional jockey would have been proud of. Taking advantage of an 8lb weight allowance he kept the pressure on by being up front for most of the distance to score a nine lengths win going away.

"Jockeys, even the great AP McCoy, who rode thousands of winners, apart from their big race wins, seldom recall the horses that won, but without exception their first as a professional is always on the tip of the tongue. I am sure James Bowen will have this win etched in his memory all his life."

Mr Brace continued: "The Bowen yard enjoyed a very successful day with their two runners winning. *Dr Robin* had earlier won the two mile seven furlongs handicap steeplechase under the slightly older Sean Bowen.

"It took all of Sean's strength to record a three lengths win as when turning into the home straight the horse was lagging at the rear of the field. The pundits were hailing it as a potential ride of the month."

CILLIAN'S WELL'S NEWTON ABBOT SUCCESS

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint saw his seven-year-old *Cillian's Well* land the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle under Mitchell Bastyan at Newton Abbot last Friday.

Cillian's Well, who went off the 11-8 favourite, got home by a neck from *Tamarillo Grove* in a field of 10 runners.

Earlier *Patricktom Boru,* owned by Bridgend builder Roger Willcox and trained at Llancarfan by Evan Williams, failed by three parts of a length to catch the favourite *Fort Gabriel* in the Racing Welfare Handicap Chase. *Fort Gabriel* who jumped better than *Patricktom Boru* was winning for the third time on the bounce.

Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn took the VisitAtTheRaces.com Selling Handicap with 5-1 shot *Taste The Wine* who was ridden by his grandson Rob Williams and won by a neck from *On Albert's Head*.

LYNDA MARY WILLIAMS

THE funeral of Vale horse racing enthusiast Lynda Mary Williams, formerly of Moorlands Farm, Llantwit Major, took place at Coychurch Crematorium last Friday.

She was the loving widow of the late Rhys Williams who owned *Roll A Joint,* winner of the 1989 Scottish Grand National trained by Chris Popham and ridden by Brendon Powell.

If my memory serves me right after the horse's win he was paraded at Moorlands Farm when the Pentyrch Hunt held their point-to-point races on the land.

Sadly, Mrs Williams and a number of other people from the Vale lost many, many thousands of pounds when they were conned by a Mrs Alison Meryl Johnson who they believed was a trusted friend and who was later jailed for six years.

Incidentally, the story is told in my book Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, published by St David's Press.

Barrivale Bridge Club results

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for July 4:

1. Irene Thomas and Debbie Richards 63.33 per cent; 2. Mike Best and Mick Green 58.10 per cent; 3. Jane Brooks and Hilary Morgan 57.92 per cent.

Also, the handicap first place winners were June Reeves and Linda Houston.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

LH

Courses for horses at Bridgend Show

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THE usual crowds flocked to Bridgend County Show, held from Friday to Sunday, July 7 to 9 in Pencoed.

A range of popular events, from poultry and horticultural competitions to horse and pony contests to showjumping, and from dog to goat displays kept everyone enthralled.

Craft tents and food marquees, and of course a beer tent, made sure all those attending were sated.

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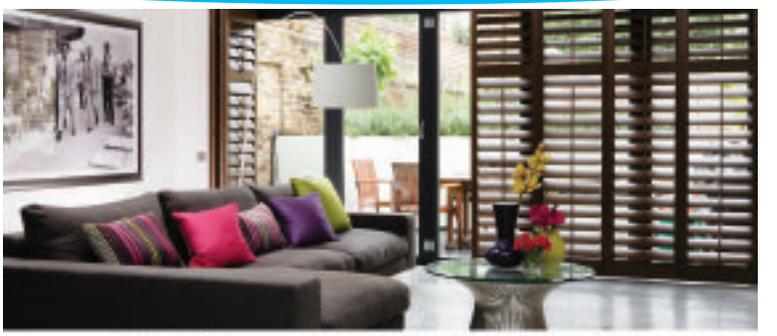

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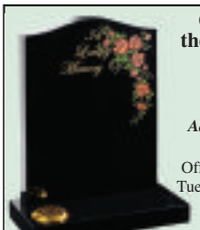

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Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Barry on Wednesday, 19th July at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only - donations, if desired, can be made at the service to support the British Heart Foundation in memory of Brian.

BRAIN
Gilbert

Peacefully, after a short ilness, aged 102 years, at Holme Tower, Penarth on July 3rd, Gil of Hinchsliff Avenue, Barry. Dearly beloved husband of the late Cis, much loved dad of Irene, father-in-law of Derek, adored grandad of Adrian and Juliet, Andrea and Anthony, great-grandad of Amy and Tim.

Resting at A.G. Adams and Son Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service in the Chapel on Monday, July 17th at 12 noon followed, by cremation at The Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

MANLEY
John Henry (Jack)

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Timothy David (Tim)

Peacefully on Sunday, 2nd July 2017 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Tim of West Road, Bridgend. Devoted son of the late David and Joy, much loved brother of Shan, a dear brother-in-law, uncle and friend.

Funeral service on Friday, 14th July 2017 in Coychurch Crematorium at 1.45pm. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent direct to Kidney Research Wales, 2 Radnor Court, 256 Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff, CF5 1GZ. All further enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend, CF31 3AP, Tel 01656 653156.

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Acknowledgement

DANIELS

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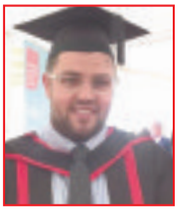

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Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2017/00646/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	The refurbishment of the existing cottage and the provision of an ancillary dwelling and a replacement barn includes for the reinstatement of ponds. The existing pole barns and light industrial buildings are to be demolished.
Location:/Lleoliad:	Lane End, Michaelston le Pit Road, Michealston Le Pit
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth	Michaelston-le-Pit
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2017/00654/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Alteration to boundary wall on river frontage (additional works to approval 2016/00808/FUL)
Location:/Lleoliad:	Britannia House, Penny Lane, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2017/00621/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Proposed installation of 4 No. steel support posts and header beam in northern ground floor section of two storey barn to strengthen existing first floor.
Location:/Lleoliad:	Tymaen Farm, B4524 Ogmore Road at Ogmore, Ogmore
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2017/00652/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Variation of Conditions 1 & 2 of Planning Permission Ref 2009/01367/FUL to allow an extended period for the temporary car park during the construction of the Rookwood Specialist Rehabilitation Services extension, after which the land will be restored.
Location:/Lleoliad:	University Hospital Llandough, Penlan Road, Llandough, Penarth

May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2017/00520/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Revised roundabout arrangement to facilitate access to the new link road and the strategic housing development approved under 2014/01505 and to provide 4th arm for access to land to the north of the A48
Location:/Lleoliad:	Site of proposed new roundabout, Land at the A48, North of Darren Farm, Cowbridge

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Barry Town United gearing up for Newport County test

BARRY Town United have begun preparations for the biggest match of the summer, with old rivals Newport County set to bring a full-strength side to Jenner Park on Tuesday, July 25 (7.30pm).

The Exiles are the headline attraction of the Town's pre-season programme - with the match in Barry their penultimate friendly fixture before kicking off their Sky Bet League Two campaign in August.

Matches against Newport County are almost as old as the Jenner Park outfit itself, with Barry welcoming a Newport team for the first time in February of 1914, a feisty affair that the Barrians won 6-2 with former West Bromwich Albion man Bert Millard scoring the side's first ever hat-trick.

Meeting in the Southern, Western and Welsh Leagues across their respective histories, Barry's heaviest first team defeat would come at the feet of Newport, an 11-1 thrashing in 1932.

After the Second World War, Barry and Newport would contest what is thought to be Wales' earliest floodlit football match at Jenner Park in 1949, a fixture the visitors would win by three goals to one.

Two years on, the Town made their way to the FA Cup First Round for only the third time, yet again Newport would prove a stumbling block, handing Barry a 4-0 defeat in front of over 11,000 fans.

Then, in 1955, Newport would heap even more misery on the Town, putting an end to Barry's maiden defence of the Welsh Cup trophy with an 8-1 humbling of the holders at Somerton Park.

Accelerating to the 1990s, both Barry and Newport would find themselves in the same Beazer Homes League Midland Division, with the inaugural season of match-ups seeing both sides record a 1-0 success on home soil (Wayne Matthews scoring the winner for the Town in March 1991).

The subsequent season saw a big Boxing Day derby showdown between the two Welsh teams at Jenner Park, with Brian Davies and the prolific Steve Williams on target for the Town in a 2-2 draw.

However, the creation of the new League of Wales in 1992 would change the course of history, with the resultant dispute serving up the unlikely scenario of two Barry vs Newport matches played across the border in England (the respective teams exiled at Worcester and Moreton-in-Marsh).

While the Barry team finished ahead of Newport in 1991, 1992 and 1993, the clubs would soon take considerably differently paths; Newport waging a legal war with the Football Association of Wales that would ultimately preserve their place in the English system, while former Barry chairman Neil O' Halloran began chasing the dream of European success through the Welsh football pyramid.

Divided by a border politics, meetings between Barry and Newport became a rare occurrence; not even the fondly-remembered FAW Premier Cup, a competition designed to facilitate matches between the Welsh Premier League and Football League sides, would pair the teams together.

However, in 2011, the FAW's decision to invite the exiles back into the Welsh Cup saw a host of interesting ties pulled out, including a third round clash between Town and County at Spytty Park.

Having beaten Merthyr at Penydarren Park, Barry took to the field with aplomb that evening, taking a sensational lead when forward TJ Nagi fired home a stunning effort that soared into the stanchion.

The goal set the tone for a hard-fought war and while Newport would eventually emerge as 3-2 winners, the rollercoaster battle was one of the most memorable of the Town's entire campaign.

In May 2013, Newport secured a long-awaited return to the Football League, a mere two days before Barry found themselves without a league of any kind. However, with the Town rallying to survive and kick-start their own remarkable revival, the July 25 match at Jenner Park will be the first ever Barry vs Newport encounter to pit a Welsh Premier League side against one from the EFL.

Next week, we will look at some of the key players set to feature at Jenner Park, as well as the Newport County manager whose Champions League goal secured him a place in Town history.

Tickets for Barry Town United vs Newport County on Tuesday 25 July at Jenner Park are available from barry.ticketsource.co.uk at £5 (adults) and £3 (concessions), with small booking fee applicable.

AC

Barry Wanderers are back in drop zone after loss

BARRY Wanderers' first team find themselves back in the relegation places of Division Three after losing by six wickets to Pontymister and Cross Keys who completed a league double over the Wanderers after being promoted last season.

Unusually the captain James Hassett won the toss and elected to bat and despite the early loss of James Hornby, Hassett batting at a higher than normal three, batted beautifully and got the Barry team into an excellent position and put on 50 runs until the other opener Neil Blundell was bowled with the score on 68 for 2.

Hassett continued playing fluently with his clips of the legs through mid-wicket being especially attractive. However, the spin of Asif and Baker once again proved the undoing of the innings as the Wanderers batsmen were once again at a loss to play decent spin bowling.

Hassett had reached 50 which included 10 fours but fell for a superb 56 a ball after he should have been stumped by popping the ball up to point.

The score at this point was 105 for 3 with more than 25 overs to go but within 13 overs they had slumped to 155 for 8 and another disastrous innings on the cards.

Thankfully the ever smiling Danie Selvaraju came in and with the help of Sam Harris took the score to 194 off 45 overs and Selvaraju finishing on a typically entertaining 28 not out.

Asif finished with 4 for 31 from his nine overs and once again 200 and maximum bowling points had been a total too far.

The Wanderers still felt very much in the game at tea though and were looking for the opening pair of Rhodri Jones and Selvaraju to put a few back in the pavilion early doors and despite Jones bowling Dan Jones with the score on 15, the Wanderers were always from then on behind in the game.

Asif, after his four wickets, came in at three and batted as well as he bowled. The third wicket fell at a very similar score and overs to the Wanderers innings but from there on the partnership of Asif and Baker was equally as effective with the bat as it was with the ball.

They put on 89 in exactly 10 overs until Asif fell for an excellent 67 while Baker took them home to finish on 43 not out and have over 10 overs to spare. Baker is one of those players that reach 43 and you barely notice. An excellent cricketer and captain in this league.

Things will not be any easier this coming Saturday as they travel to table topping Crumlin but everyone wrote them off against Sully so you never know. Once again though players not being able to travel has meant the team is weaker than it could be.

Monmouth seconds, who last week fell by over 100 runs to Barry Wanderers seconds, must have felt perplexed as they saw that this week the Wanderers' seconds only manged 59 in reply to Pontymister and Cross Keys seconds.

Availability again meant a lack of strength in depth and this Saturday the seconds will be stronger due to better availability and players not able to go to Crumlin.

On Sunday, Westbury on Severn were warmly welcomed who have now been visiting what is now known as Hayes Point for over 20 years, along with some wives and girlfriends, having a pleasant day out.

Westbury are a strong team though, despite being a few men down from the morning, and their total of 222 was always going to be too much for the Sunday Wanderers who in reply made 123.

There were some highlights though as 64-year-old Chris Carpenter hit a cracking 19 before being given LBW by Cardiff City fan Ieuan Wade.

Wade suggested later that the connections Chris has to a former Swansea City player may have influenced his decision. The fact that Wade said this while wearing a Wales football shirt meant that he was probably joking!

Chris comes down from Birmingham to play for and the club are extremely grateful. Also, young Mark Williams finished 19 not out for his best-ever score so well done to him.

Off the field, the soon-to-be 75-years-old Peter Daughton turned up late as he was off lunching with one of his many lady friends and then proceeded to play tennis for ninety minutes. His stamina and attitude are an example to the younger members of the club!

On Saturday the firsts make the trip to run happy Crumlin who have several players more than capable of hitting centuries while the seconds welcome the same club, while on Sunday Arriva Trains are the visitors.

AF

Millwood Bowling Club round-up

IT has been a busy week on the green, with Millwood Bowling Club involved in three matches.

On Wednesday evening, we played Belle Vue in a Munro Cup fixture, with both teams evenly matched on the rinks. It turned out to be an evening of nip and tuck with both sides winning on two rinks, but the visitors took overall victory by a narrow margin of 10 points to four points.

On Saturday, Millwood A entertained Llantwit Major in a League 7 match. Unfortunately, due to late withdrawals, the club was unable to field a full team, but thanks go to those who did come to play.

As far as the match was concerned, three of the home rinks overwhelmed their opponents and on the fourth rink, the visitors played well over the last five ends to rescue a draw. The final result was a 102-46 shot victory for Millwood, who took 13 of the 14 points on offer.

Millwood Club side filled their afternoon with a friendly match against Whichurch Hospital and what an experience this turned out to be!

The team played as one would expect in a friendly, but competitive spirit and the speed of the green found many of the side having great difficulty adjusting.

Nevertheless, per-severance was shown in abundance and although the result did not go in Millwood's favour, a good afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Special thanks go to the Whitchurch Hospital side for the fixture and hospitality.

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POINT TO POINT MEMORIES:

Looking back with Brian Lee – 1989

THE GEM'S Brian Lee, who incidentally celebrates his 81st birthday today, July 13, has been reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for more than half-a-century.

Today, he takes another look at one of his many press cuttings scrap books.

Under the heading 'Farmer Tipped to Win on Points', I wrote: "St Athan farmer John Thomas has high hopes of winning a race or two on his father Jim Thomas's *Stapster Park* when the Welsh point-to-point season gets under way on February 18.

"John (26) , is following a great family tradition. His grandfather Jack Thomas and father Jim were bot successful riders between-the- flags.

"His sister Carole has also ridden in hunt-races and on one occasion, got the better of him when riding in the members' race at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point meeting at St Hilary.

"Last season, John scored his first success outside Wales when winning at the Ross Harriers fixture on Rose Harry's Dinas Powis trained *Gerwyn*. John also did well at the Tredegar Farmers meeting on Ian Harley's *Brave Match*.

"Stapster Park, who only ran twice last season, showed good form when finishing third at the Brecon point-to-point."

With regard to the time Carol beat her brother, this is what I had to say in my book *The Races Came Off – The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales*:

"At the Glamorgan, at St Hilary, 20-year-old Carole Thomas and her 22-year-old brother, John, fought out the finish of the members' race. Carole set out on her grandfather's *Cottage Chest* to make all the running.

"Four fences out, she was joined by John riding former winning hurdler *Chastity Belt*. John actually headed his sister three out and called across to her to 'hang on'. It was then that Carole responded to her brother's call by staging a renewed challenge and, jumping the last in front, held on to win by four lengths."

That year, the late great Cardiff bookmaker, John Lovell, invited me to a meeting of bookmakers in Cardiff and this is what I reported at the time:

"Heated arguments about allowing English bookmakers to stand at Welsh point-to-points broke out between bookmakers when 30 of them – mostly Welsh – met at the Crest Hotel in Cardiff recently with the aim of forming the South and West Wales Point-To-Point Bookmakers Association.

"Betting without the favourite, double sized betting boards and the availability of pitches were other topics that had the gentlemen of the turf hot under the collar.

"Cardiff bookmaker John Lovell said: 'The formation of the association would bring Wales into line with all the other areas in the country.'"

Back then, there would be around 20 or 30 bookmakers at the Welsh point-to-points but these days we are lucky if eight or ten turn up.

Meanwhile, I am researching another book about Welsh horse racing and would like to hear from anyone with stories, press cuttings, photographs and information on notable Welsh owners, riders and trainers and, of course, any scandals, big gambles and scams.

I will be including chapters on point-to-point and flapping (unlicensed meetings). Also, does anyone have the contact details for Elain Mellor, formerly Williams, from the Vale, who won the ladies' jockeys' title on a number of occasions?

Contact brianlee4@virginmedia.com or telephone me at 02920736438.

Local chess players in international action

THIS week sees the start of the 14th South Wales International which takes place at the Park Inn Hotel in Cardiff.

This is a 10 round competition spread over seven days and is also one of the events leading to qualifying for the British Championships taking place at the end of July.

As usual the Barry Chess Club had three entrants into this event - Lee Davis ranked 22nd, Sam Jukes ranked 36th and Nigel Ralphs ranked 14th out of 53 competitors.

Saturday saw two rounds of play. For those players in the top half of the ranking they would expect to win their first match and conversely those in the bottom half would expect to lose.

This is exactly how the first round went - wins for Lee and Nigel and a defeat for Sam against Tim Kett.

In the second round played on Saturday first round winners would be paired with other winners and likewise for losers.

Lee and Nigel were both paired with 'Masters', Lee with FM David Ledger and Nigel with the Bulgarian GM Marion Petrov.

Lee had a rating deficit of 257 and Nigel of 348. It was no surprise to see both our Barry players lose.

Sam, however, defeated Kevin O'Rourke so after two rounds all three of our players were on one point from two games.

On Sunday there was only one round of games. Lee earned his second win of the tournament, Nigel drew and Sam had the misfortune to be paired with a much stronger player in Rudy Van Kemenade and lost.

So after 3 rounds of play Lee is tied in 15th place with 2/3, Nigel is tied in 21st place on 1.5/3 and Sam is tied in 36th place on 1/3.

The competition continues all week so more will be reported in next week's GEM.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com. **PHIL JONES**

DEBRA'S WINNER

DEBRA Hamer, who hails from the Vale, landed division two of the handicap hurdle at Worcester on Monday with her eight-year-old *ShanksForAMillion* who, racing for the first time in 592 days, won by three parts of a length from *State The Obvious*, trained by the legendary Jonjo O'Neill.

ShanksForAMillion was ridden by the talented 7lbs claimer Richard Patrick and was returned at odds of 8-1.

Debra, who now trains in west Wales, is the wife of former leading Bridgend point-to-point rider Paul Hamer.

BRIAN LEE

Romilly back on track with win

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club Welcomed Gelli Park (Rhondda) to Romilly Park on Saturday hoping to bounce back from their defeat the previous week at Troedyrhiw.

The CML league structures are changing next season resulting in three being relegated from Division One this season, therefore it is important for Romilly certainly need to win their home games to ensure their survival for this season.

The problem Romilly face is their green, which should be advantageous to them, but the playing surface is more like a garden than a bowling green. Compared to a number of other greens in the area the poor quality of the Romilly Park surface is not acceptable for bowling due to the heaviness of the playing surface, effecting members who struggle to reach the distance required, most certainly a number of the lady members.

On a fine Saturday afternoon the play began with Romilly taking an early lead and were seven ahead by the fifth end.

As the game progressed the rink of Gary Eastment, Paul Swannick, Graham Cogbill and skip Brian Foscolo were leading the way for Romilly, going 12 shots clear by the 10th end.

Also the rinks of Jeff Wright and Mel Newman were ahead by six apiece with only Mike Doyle's rink just five shots down leaving Romilly ahead overall by 19 shots, 49-30.

Between the 11th and 15th ends Foscolo's rink continued to forge even further ahead, 21-7, while Wright's rink of Alun Bryan, Jerry Daly and Clive Collins continued to play well, staying ahead of their opponents leading 18-11.

Also Newman's rink while playing confidently lost a couple shots but still held a four shot advantage at this stage, while the rink of Kelvyn Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Andrew Hatcher and Mike Doyle began to overhaul their opponents and went from being five behind at end 10 to being four ahead by the 15th, leading 17-13 and Romilly were ahead overall by 29 shots, 73-44.

Romilly were now in a position to win the game but wanted to win on all rinks to ensure full points.

The rinks of Foscolo and Doyle maintained their form to both win comfortably by 25-13 and 23-16 respectively whilst Newman's rink of Alan Bannister, Gwyn Rees and Fred Phillips also held their opponents well over the final ends to win by six shots but Wright's rink, who were holding a comfortable lead up until the 15th end, who were put under tremendous pressure but managed to hold their nerve, winning by two shots, 20-18.

Overall result was a 27 shot victory for Romilly, 90-63, taking the full 14 points.

Romilly A side and Munro Cup sides are having a mixed season - the A team have been struggling due to lack of numbers while the Munro Cup team are doing well despite a reverse at Dinas Powis in their last game. Currently the A team are struggling playing in the CML Division 3 after being promoted over the previous two seasons and with a shortage of strength in depth this year the rest of the season is going to be difficult.

The Munro Cup side is presently at the head of the league but there are a number of sides in close proximity, therefore it is imperative that Romilly do not lose any more games if they want to regain the cup this season.

Romilly held their annual triples tournament last Sunday with 24 teams in attendance.

On a sunny day group A began the first of their four games at 9am followed be group B at 10am.

Bacon sandwiches were available from the start with lunches after their second games and the BBQ ongoing for the rest of the day including the watering hole at 'Alfies' bar.

All bowlers were having a great time with plenty of joviality on display amongst the competitors but at the serious end the final was played out between local triple of Phil Gershenson, Rhys Phillips and Clive Collins against a Llantrisant triple entered by Roy Richards.

The game was one-sided with the Llantrisant trio winning comfortably.

The third and fourth place play-off was between a triple led by Romilly's Mel Newman and a triple from Penarth Windsor led by Rod Hudson and it was the visiting Windsor triple who came out on top following a brilliant bowl from Rod's wife Angela, who on the last end picked up the jack for a 2 to win by one shot, 9-8.

FP

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 10:

1st Glenda Roberts & Liam Sheridan 63.19%, 2nd Joy Seculer & John Salisbury 61.81%, 3rd John Beard & Bill Turner 61.57%.

LE

Cadoxton second best in Munro Cup

CADOXTON hosted a Munro Cup match, against Barry Athletic and finished second best on all rinks.

Unfortunately, Kelvin Chedgzoy lost his lead after just four ends and had to forfeit a quarter of their shots for the remainder of the game, which ended 15 each, before the adjustment.

Steve Clarke skipped the next rink due to the absence of the regular skip and failed by just five shots against Mike Vaughan. Howard Craven had a close game against Martin Clark, but failed by just one shot. Derek Jeffries fell 7-0 behind after four ends and never recovered.

Scores: J Stacey, D Tuck, D Hammond, S Clarke 11-16 T Bishop, J Callow, A Cooper, M Vaughan; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, R Byrne, D Jeffries 12-22 J Killin, R Harris, L Paige, T Morgan; D Fanning, M Curtis,, I Heppenstall, K Chedgzoy 12¼-15 R Fletcher, T Collins, G Jones, G Whittaker; W Craven, A Prince, P Ellis, H Craven 17-18 DL Jones, J Coombes, J Jones, M Clark. Final score: 52¼-71.

A terrific encounter took place on Murch Bowling green when Cadoxton where the visitors, in an ML5 match. The game went right to the wire, when the result was decided on the very last end.

Roy Harding's rink was first off after suffering a heavy 20 shot defeat from Roger Mauchline's 'four'.

This was followed shortly with the difference being negated, after a similar 20 shot success went in favour of Kelvin Chedgzoy with his team. They surged into a 13-1 lead after six ends, but although the opposition made a mini recovery, the advantage was still eight shots after sharing the next 10 ends.

A storming finish brought 13 more shorts to complete the tremendous win

Don Kuhnell's rink had to fight hard for their win against Alan Cross, but with the scores tied on the penultimate end, a sudden death final end was played.

The visitors had held the supremacy during the early stages, however a '4' and '3' took away the advantage on the 13th end with the score at 12-13.

The benefit fluctuated during the remaining ends until a '3' settled it on the last, in the visitor favour.

Howard Craven had a similar finish after a game which they controlled in the early stages. However, they were two shots down on the rink going into the final end, but holding a one shot, match advantage.

The disappointing outcome was a '2' for the home side to give them the rink win also the narrowest of success's, with the aggregate.

Scores: D Hammond, I Heppenstall, I Robertson, D Kubnell 22-19 B Frampton, D Davies, D Rogan, A Cross; W Craven, R Byrne, P Ellis, H Craven 16-20 D Perkins, J Harrison, M Warman, I Williams; E Heppenstall, M Curtis, S Clarke, K Chedgzoy 30-10 W Spear, A Perry, T Rice, T Phillips; D Tuck, J Papoutsou, D Jeffries, R Harding 9-29 C Salvidge, G lane, D Poole, R Mauchline. Final score: 77-78.

The visit to Llantwit Major for a Munro Cup fixture brought Cadoxton little success on a lovely evening.

The rink skipped by Howard Craven was the only one to collect any points with 10 winning ends from the 18 played against Adrian Wood's team.

They always held the ascendancy after taking an early 6-1 lead. The game continued with each side winning an end, alternately.

After 13 ends were completed the gap was still five shots. A strong finish included two '3's to widen the gap.

Derek Jeffries also skipped his rink to a 6-1 early advantage, against Charles Hiscock. Unfortunately the home advantage took over and two '4's and a '3' were conceded during the next three ends. This deficit was never recovered.

For the third occasion the visitors took a 6-1 advantage skipped by Gordon Davies with Steve Booker his opposite number.

The difference was slowly reduced until the 13th end when the lead was taken for the first time by the home side after scoring a '6'. The remaining four ends brought two singles to each side.

The final rink was played with one player short against Graham Jones. It was skipped by Don Kuhnell and in the early stages the score was kept in check to hold a 6-5 lead.

John Papoutsou was playing an outstanding game, and getting the upper hand regularly, playing with two bowls against four.

However on the 10th end a '6' was conceded to give the advantage to the home side. During the remainder of the match each side won four ends, but the home side held out for the win.

Scores: J Papoutsou, S Clarke, D Kuhnell 12-23 L Fowler, E Sparks, N Young, G Jones; A Guest, D Hammond, R Byrne, D Jeffries 9-19 J Moison, P Twomey, A Hayes, C Hiscock; J Stacey, M Curtis, I Robertson, G Davies 11-16 D Mutlow, M Everleigh, T Ingroville, S Booker; W Craven, A Prince, P Ellis, H Craven 22-14 G Fox, L Fry, N Nixon, A Woods. Final score: 54-72.

Cadoxton was the venue for another tremendous game of bowls, when Carfarthfa Castle, were the visitors. This also went until the final bowl to decide the result.

After 10 ends Cadoxton held a 13 shot lead, but gradually the visitors played their way back into the game with some excellent bowling. With two ends left they had taken a three shot advantage.

Two rinks had finished leaving the last end to be completed on the other two rinks. Roy Harding's rink were two shot down after 16 ends but failed to score in the remaining ends.

Howard Craven held the ascendancy throughout the game and the difference in the aggregate score on completion of both rinks was two shots down. In a very tense game the scores on Don Kuhnell's rink were very close and were level on several occasions.

However they dropped behind with the constant pressure and trailed by 10 shots with two ends left.

Meanwhile Kelvin Chedgzoy was continuing the good form from the previous match by building a good advantage. Nevertheless the opposition struck back with nine shots against one over four ends to build the tension.

Two ends each left, with the aggregate six against. The first rink finished with a single and a '3'. On his penultimate end Kelvin scored a '3'.

This left him just one in front so needed a win on the final end. With his final bowl he faced a three deficit. The outcome was a trail on the jack for a winning '3'shots. Well done Kelvin!

Scores: J Stacey I Heppenstall, I Robertson, D Kubnell 15-21; G Solomon, A Prince, P Ellis, H Craven 21-13; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, J Davies, K Chedgzoy 31-19; G Davies, D Hammond, D Jeffries, R Harding 14-24. Final score: 81-77.

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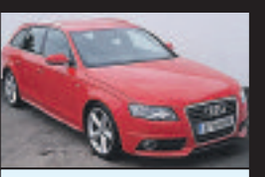

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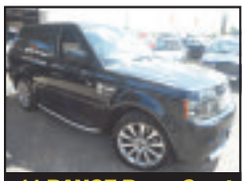

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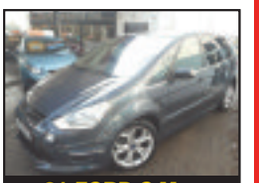

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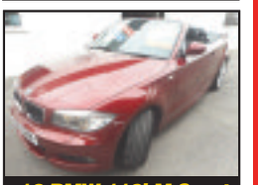

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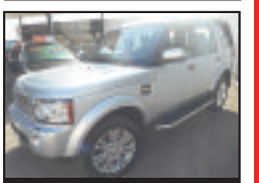

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Trophy competiton at the bowls club!

THIS year's Denma Trophy competition at Bridgend Municipal Bowling Club was held on Sunday, July 9.

There were 17 entrants drawn from both the ladies and men's sections. These were divided into four separate mixed groups who played against each other each on a round-robin basis until two from each group emerged as quarter-finalists.

The ladies president, Mrs Lil Martin, went on to appear among the semi-finalists, all of whom played very well.

The eventual winner of the final that was played over nine ends was the men's president, Mr Peter Anderson.

The runner-up was club member Mr Fraser Robinson, and pictured (*above*) is Mr Anderson receiving the Denma Trophy from the ladies secretary Mrs Liz Anderson – his proud wife!

The runner-up (*on right*) was Mr Fraser Robinson. Fraser had graciously accepted defeat after the eighth end when the score was 7-5 as it was a two woods competition.

Standing on the left is Mr Jeff Phillips (men's captain) who organised the event and marked the final.

It was a beautiful day as play progressed and thanks to the hard-working ladies of the club, food and liquid refreshments in plenty were on hand throughout the day.

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Pairs qualify for Belfry final!

Neil Fox and Rhys Evans.

John and Thomas Flint.

BRIDGEND father and son John and Thomas Flint, and Neil Fox and Rhys Evans from Kenfig Hill have all qualified for the UK and Ireland final of the American Golf Nine-Hole Championship.

Both pairs, who are all members at Pyle & Kenfig golf club, took part in the regional qualifying event held at their home club. They now progress to Ryder Cup venue, The Belfry, on September 7/8 where they will battle it out for the title of best Nine-Hole Pair in the UK and Ireland.

The Flints secured qualification with victory across the front nine section, taking the win from club mates Alan Lavelle and Ray John.

The family pairing scored a hugely impressive 24 points across the nine holes but were still only tied for the lead when the scorecards were returned.

Only after analysis of the last six holes were the Flints declared the winners on countback by virtue of one more point over the last six holes.

Fox and Evans secured their win over the tricky back nine holes where they recorded a very strong 22 points. They held off Wenvoe Castle pairing Mark Collier and Maurice Beddard, who came in one shot short of victory and qualification for the final.

Both pairs will now join qualifiers from all over the UK and Ireland in front of Sky Sports' cameras at the Belfry Grand Final where they will compete across two days to be crowned champions.

This win also puts them in contention for the Tournament of Champions in Mauritius, should they succeed at the Midland venue.

Local American Golf manager Steven Bowen, from the Cardiff store, commented: "It's fantastic to have the Glamorgan golfing community so well represented when qualifiers from all over the UK and Ireland go into battle so we'll be keeping a special eye for how they get on."

Bridgend Bridge Club results

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

Wednesday, July 5: First, David Bowen and David Crompton; second Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; third Norma and David Newman.

The winners on handicap were David Crompton and David Bowen.

Thursday, July 6: First, Stuart Davies and Maggie Ashpole; second, Chris Rawlings and V Irene Thomas; third, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins.

The winners on handicap were Chris Rawlings and V Irene Thomas.

Friday, July 7: First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; equal second, Tony Disney and Graham Jones and Ann Fox and Linda Pinnock and Linda Jenkins and Teresa Griffiths.

The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Vida Halford.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Norton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at the church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new course of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm starting on September 13 in the church hall.

For further information about lessons and any other club activities contact one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 649138, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.

BRITISH & IRISH LIONS TOUR 2017

Third test: New Zealand 15 British & Irish Lions 15

The Lions and All Blacks battle it out in an absorbing encounter and draw test series

Maro Itoje was phenomenal in the third test.

The Lions and the All Blacks celebrate a hard-fought series. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.

by GARETH JAMIESON

THE British & Irish Lions knew that their third, and decisive, game in this three match test series of the 2017 tour against world champions New Zealand was going to be a close one; yet who would have guessed that, at the end of another absorbing and hard-hitting 80 minutes of rugby, the two teams would be tied not just on the night but overall, the series drawn as the sides battled out a 15-15 draw.

It marked a moral victory for the tourists; after all the pre-tour hype stated that the All Blacks were too strong, too focused, too settled to be upset by a touring party who were, at the start of the tour, both undercooked in terms of preparation and overcooked in terms of how much rugby they had played prior to boarding the plane to the land of the long white cloud.

Yet come the test showdowns the team were at optimum strength, fortune with injuries meaning they were in essence at full strength, and Gatland's ability to get teams peaking at the right time meant that they were more than ready for this climactic battle where no quarter would be given, and none expected.

There were so many superb performances across the series – Sam Warburton's guile and hard-work set the tone after he recovered from injury, while Jonathan Davies showed a maturity and defensive nous across all three games that marked him down as one of the players of the tour, despite not having had the best of seasons either domestically or internationally.

Maro Itoje was intensity personified in his test appearances; with the mark of a man who you could quite easily see wear the captaincy of both England and the Lions, the youngster was dynamic, accurate at the breakdown and covered nearly every blade of grass when called up, while Taulupe Faletau made the absence of Billy Vunipola a non-issue with excellent performances every time he crossed the whitewash.

Conor Murray made the number 9 shirt his own (no mean feat with Rhys Webb breathing down his neck) and Owen Farrell, whether at 10 or 12 (and save for a mediocre 20 minutes on Saturday) was exemplary in his kicking and general performances; his composure with the kicks that won the second test and drew the third test was hugely impressive.

Warren Gatland had been labelled a clown by one New Zealand newspaper after the first test, but he most certainly had the last laugh – strolling into Saturday's post-match press conference wearing a red nose.

Gatland will feel vindicated in the decisions made over the course of the tour, from the paucity of Scottish players selected and the 'logistical' call-up of players situated closest to New Zealand as the tour reached the midway point, to the controversial (in some sections of the British Isles) omissions and selections made over the course of the test series.

The New Zealander may not have wholly ruled himself out of taking charge of the Lions on the South Africa tour in four years time, but with the likelihood of him departing Wales post-2019 Rugby World Cup it seems unlikely that Gatland will be the chosen one in 2021.

Two tours undertaken, two test series undefeated (as is Sam Warburton as captain), Gatland's achievements will go down in the history books as one of the finest records of a Lions coach – and yet the result could so easily have gone either way, such was the nip and tuck way the game played out on Saturday, a breathlessly pulsating encounter which saw the All Blacks again take the game by the scruff of the neck, only for the doggedness of the Lions to chip away at the scoreboard.

Defeat from the jaws of victory is, it must be said, in rugby terms, a very Welsh disease, and in the 78th minute it threatened to engulf England, Ireland and Scotland (assuming the Scots took an interest in a game where their greatest representation was in the stands rather than the pitch) as Liam Williams (under pressure from Keiron Read) knocked on from the restart and Ken Owens caught the ball in an offside position, just after Owen Farrell had levelled the scores from the kicking tee.

The referee's instant decision was to blow for a penalty.

Captain Warburton had talked of Saturday's game as being the culmination of four years of hard work, toil, sweat and tears, so how cruel (and perhaps, to the Welsh eye, predictable) that having done the hard to work to pull level, the game, the series, the tour, would be snatched away by such an error.

Thankfully for those in the red corner, referee Romain Poite's original penalty decision was downgraded to a scrum, Owens deemed to be accidentally offside (watching the replays in slow motion of Owens catching the ball and then dropping it as if it were a hand grenade was, post-decision, a great source of amusement).

Some last-gasp All Black pressure came to naught, and as the ball went dead the Lions had drawn a test series for the first time since 1955, but perhaps more importantly had denied the All Blacks victory at Eden Park, where they hadn't failed to win since 1994.

The All Blacks may feel hard done by (particularly by Poite's reverse decision at the death), having outscored the Lions two tries to nil, but with Beauden Barrett's kicking boots malfunctioning, the draw was a fair result and the series draw equally so.

Kieran Read is unlikely to forget his 100th test cap in a hurry!

Has their lustre been damaged? No more than when England beat them in 2012, or when Ireland beat them in Chicago last year – they'll pick themselves up again quickly and the Rugby Championship should be wary of a wounded All Black.

Post-match there were calls for a fourth game, a decider, something that would, to some, make a mockery of the Lions as a touring party but the thought of seeing these two teams go at it one more time, winner takes all, is tantalising enough to both fans and broadcasters that they may get their wish, with social media already going into overdrive about the possible logistics of such a game (although it appears Eddie Jones has already put the kibosh on said plans by refusing to release players should the game go ahead).

Even if these plans come to nothing – and despite the hollowness of the draw, it is probably better that they don't – it'll take nothing away from what has been an engrossing and captivating test series and a hugely enjoyable tour overall.

While the naysayers were quick to raise the same old issues about the validity of Lions tours after that first test loss, hopefully the performances and results in the last two tests will sharpen peoples' focus when it comes to this most magical of brands; the Lions are alive and well, and on the evidence of the last two tours, more than capable of competing with the best.

So now let the international hostilities resume as Six Nations trophies and World Cups are up for grabs – but lets do it all again in South Africa in 2021!

Owen Farrell with the kick that levelled the scores on the night.

Taulupe Faletau's performances across the whole tour have been incredible.